

Senate Resolution No. 1004

BY: Senator RHOADS

HONORING Matthew Weidenbaum upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2025 Citizenship Advancement Award

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people, within this great Empire State, who have made strong contributions to their communities and serve as role models for their peers; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Matthew Weidenbaum, upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2025 Citizenship Advancement Award, to be recognized at a senior scholarship ceremony at Sanford H. Calhoun High School on Wednesday, May 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Weidenbaum, committed to hard work, has achieved excellence in academics, community service, and extracurricular endeavors, justly earning this esteemed recognition; and

WHEREAS, A senior at Sanford H. Calhoun High School, Matthew Weidenbaum's success is reflected in his superior average, achieved while tackling the most challenging courses offered by the school district; his academic achievements include his membership in the National Honor Society, English Honor Society, and most impressively, his distinct recognition as an AP Scholar with Honors; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Weidenbaum is a leader in the Debate Club, serving as an officer, and is also a valued member of the Key Club, DECA, and the Jewish Student Union where he serves on the board; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Weidenbaum is deeply committed to giving back to the community and has volunteered with Acing Autism where he teaches children the fundamentals of tennis, combining the sport he loves with his passion for helping children who face special challenges; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Weidenbaum is also a talented and dedicated member of the symphonic band throughout the years; further showcasing his altruism, he has raised funds for Parkinson's disease, demonstrating his commitment to making a positive impact on others' lives; and

WHEREAS, Beyond his academic and community involvement, Matthew Weidenbaum is an invaluable member of the basketball team these past three years where his grit and determination have been evident in his individual performance and his ability to elevate the level of camaraderie among his teammates; and

WHEREAS, Pursuing a degree in finance, Matthew Weidenbaum plans to attend the University of Delaware; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, this respected scholar and distinguished member of his community now stands honorably with just pride in his accomplishments and in eager anticipation of all his future endeavors and limitless opportunities; and

WHEREAS, It is of utmost importance to honor the youth of today, the leaders of tomorrow, whose character and achievements exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Matthew Weidenbaum upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2025 Citizenship Advancement Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Matthew Weidenbaum.