

Senate Resolution No. 1417

**BY:** Senator MARTINS

**HONORING** Arnav Pemmaraju upon the occasion of being named a 2026 Regeneron Science Talent Search Scholar

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor exceptional students whose achievements reflect extraordinary dedication, intellect, and service to the advancement of science and education; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Arnav Pemmaraju upon the occasion of being named a 2026 Regeneron Science Talent Search Scholar; and

**WHEREAS,** Arnav Pemmaraju, a senior at William A. Shine-Great Neck South High School, has been named a 2026 Regeneron Science Talent Search Scholar, one of the most prestigious distinctions awarded to high school researchers in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** The Regeneron Science Talent Search, established in 1942 and widely regarded as the nation's oldest and most esteemed science and mathematics competition for high school seniors, selects just 300 Scholars nationwide from an applicant pool of nearly 2,600 students; and

**WHEREAS,** Arnav Pemmaraju earned this distinguished recognition for his groundbreaking research project entitled "CRE-LogicSim: A Surrogate Modeling Framework for Interpreting Cis-Regulatory Element Function in Deep Sequence Models," which reflects exceptional analytical skill, innovation, and advanced understanding of computational biology and genomics; and

**WHEREAS,** As a Regeneron Science Talent Search Scholar, Arnav Pemmaraju will receive a \$2,000 award, with a matching grant awarded to his school, further supporting excellence in science education and research; and

**WHEREAS,** Arnav Pemmaraju's achievement reflects great credit upon himself, his family, his mentors, and the Great Neck Public Schools, including his science research advisors and faculty, whose dedication fosters academic excellence and scientific inquiry; and

**WHEREAS,** Through his intellectual curiosity, perseverance, and commitment to discovery, Arnav Pemmaraju exemplifies the highest ideals of academic excellence and innovation, serving as an inspiration to students across New York State; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor and commend Arnav Pemmaraju upon the occasion of being named a 2026 Regeneron Science Talent Search Scholar; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Arnav Pemmaraju.