BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Jacob P. LaPlante upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Robert L. Weininger Memorial V.F.W. Post No. 8692 on April 30, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor the youth of today, and leaders of tomorrow, whose character and achievements best exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Jacob P. LaPlante upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Robert L. Weininger Memorial V.F.W. Post No. 8692, to be celebrated at its 47th Annual Loyalty Day Ceremony on Sunday, April 30, 2017, in Colonie, New York; and

WHEREAS, Loyalty Day is a commemorative holiday, upon the observance of which Americans pause to celebrate our freedom and to reaffirm our allegiance to the United States, while also remembering our responsibilities to continue the legacy of liberty; and

WHEREAS, As part of the Loyalty Day, "The Celebration of Patriotism," event, Jacob P. LaPlante will be presented the 2016 Post Patriot Pen Essay Award; and

WHEREAS, A young man of singular distinction, Jacob P. LaPlante has distinguished himself as a young man of superlative ability, establishing a high standard of excellence and purposefulness of life rarely achieved in youthful years; and

WHEREAS, Jacob P. LaPlante, in achieving this high honor, may take just pride in the inspiration and contribution to the spirit of excellence he brings to his family, friends, community and school; and

WHEREAS, This occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to wish Jacob P. LaPlante continued success throughout his school years and beyond; and

WHEREAS, With his sense of civic duty and his commitment to others, Jacob P. LaPlante represents the best development of the potential which is inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Jacob P. LaPlante upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Robert L. Weininger Memorial V.F.W. Post No. 8692 on April 30, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Jacob P. LaPlante.