

**BY:** Senator BONACIC

**COMMENDING** Ecegul Somay upon the occasion of her designation as a 2018 SUNY New Paltz School of Business Hall of Fame inductee as Student Leader of the Year

**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 commend Ecegul Somay upon the occasion of her designation as a 2018 SUNY New Paltz School of Business Hall of Fame inductee as Student Leader of the Year, to be celebrated at an Induction Ceremony on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at the Grandview in Poughkeepsie, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** A young woman of singular distinction, Ecegul Somay has distinguished herself as an individual of superlative ability, establishing a high standard of academic excellence and purposefulness of life rarely achieved in youthful years; and

**WHEREAS,** An exceptional student at both SUNY New Paltz and Istanbul Technical University, Ecegul Somay has achieved tremendous success as a scholar and a leader; and

**WHEREAS,** Ecegul Somay is a student of the SUNY New Paltz School of Business and has served as a role model to her fellow students; she is a student advisor for the SUNY-YOK Dual Diploma Program, a member of the School of Business Dean's Student Advisory Board, and a Graduate Assistant in International Student Programs; and

**WHEREAS,** As a student at Istanbul Technical University, Ecegul Somay has developed skills applicable to a wide variety of international business settings; she successfully completed an internship at Mediterranean Shipping Company, and was a volunteer with AIESEC, a non-governmental, not-for-profit organization of youth which is a recognized partner of the United Nations; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is moved to honor Ecegul Somay, a young woman and able scholar, recognizing the value of her labors and the promise of her future; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Ecegul Somay upon the occasion of her designation as a 2018 SUNY New Paltz School of Business Hall of Fame inductee as Student Leader of the Year, to honor her outstanding academic achievements, and to extend to her best wishes for a future of purposeful success and well-being, fully confident of her response to a promising future and appreciative of the model she represents for all aspiring young people of the Empire

State; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ecegul Somay.