BY: Senator KAPLAN

COMMENDING Class of 2020 Salutatorian Megha Gopal of New Hyde Park Memorial High School, in recognition of her outstanding accomplishments

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act in accord with its long-standing traditions, 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; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Class of 2020 Salutatorian Megha Gopal of New Hyde Park Memorial High School, in recognition of her outstanding accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Megha Gopal, with a 103.02 GPA, took neuroscience classes at Columbia University, as well as probability and organic chemistry; she is also a National Merit Semifinalist; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional young woman attended the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine and received a Johns Hopkins Research Grant in which she used to conduct research on innovative ways to clean landfills; and

WHEREAS, As a junior, Megha Gopal was awarded the Rensselaer Medal and has participated in various research projects through both the Long Island Science and Engineering Fair and the Long Island Science Congress; and

WHEREAS, Salutatorian Megha Gopal represents the best of developed potential inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; her achievements have brought enduring honor to both her family and her community and should be recognized and saluted; and

WHEREAS, Salutatorian Megha Gopal may now stand with pride as she assesses her achievements, experiences the satisfaction of her labors and the joys of her accomplishments, eager to face the new experiences of a challenging world; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Class of 2020 Salutatorian Megha Gopal of New Hyde Park Memorial High School, in recognition of her outstanding accomplishments; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Megha Gopal.