

**BY:** Senator MARTINEZ

**CONGRATULATING** Ahmad Perez upon the occasion of his designation as a Finalist in the Regeneron Science Talent Search

**WHEREAS,** It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend and pay tribute to those young people who, by achieving outstanding success in educational competition, have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Ahmad Perez upon the occasion of his designation as a Finalist in the Regeneron Science Talent Search; and

**WHEREAS,** Educational competitions which serve to better prepare our students for their future participation in the areas of Science and Technology are worthy of praise and support; and

**WHEREAS,** The Regeneron Science Talent Search, founded in 1942, is the country's oldest student research competition and is based in Westchester County; and

**WHEREAS,** Ahmad Perez is among 40 finalists nationwide who will travel to Washington, D.C. in March, where he will compete before panels of expert judges for more than \$1.8 million in total awards; and

**WHEREAS,** A student at Brentwood High School-Sonderling Center, Ahmad Perez was selected from 300 semifinalist scholars and a total applicant pool of nearly 2,000; and

**WHEREAS,** Ahmad Perez researched the erosion of salt marshes, a growing global problem, to determine how they may be influenced by nutrient levels; he also investigated soil additives that could be used to enhance salt-marsh restoration; and

**WHEREAS,** In achieving this high academic honor, 17 year old Ahmad Perez 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,** Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, this scholar now stands honorably, with just pride in his accomplishments and in eager anticipation of future challenges, understanding and appreciating the caring counsel and support provided by his teachers, coaches and parents; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Ahmad Perez upon the occasion of his designation as a Finalist in the Regeneron Science Talent Search; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ahmad Perez.