

BY: Senator PALUMBO

CONGRATULATING Ian Hua upon the occasion of being
named a National Merit Scholar

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, to honor the achievements of its young citizens and leaders of tomorrow, whose character and accomplishments exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Ian Hua upon the occasion of being named a National Merit Scholar; and

WHEREAS, The National Merit Scholarship Program, one of the most prestigious academic recognition programs in the Nation, was established in 1955, and recognizes through rigorous competitive examinations, those students across the country who demonstrate exceptional academic ability; and

WHEREAS, Ian Hua was one of 2,500 Merit Scholar designees chosen from a talent pool of more than 15,000 outstanding Finalists in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program; and

WHEREAS, Ian Hua is the William Floyd High School Class of 2022 Valedictorian who has been involved in a multitude of activities including serving as the student body President and as a member of the Class Council; and

WHEREAS, During his senior year, Ian Hua earned the rank of Eagle Scout with Boy Scout Troop 138, is a student musician and earned NYSBDA All-State honors (flute, piano) and is a NYSSMA alternate; he is also a member of the jazz band, pep band, the wind ensemble and the pit orchestra; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he is a member of the Varsity Tennis Team, serves as Co-President of the National Honor Society, and is a member of the award-winning Youth and Government program (attorney and assembly member) all while maintaining a weighted grade point average exceeding 104; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from William Floyd High School, Ian Hua will attend Harvard University where he will focus on economics and government; and

WHEREAS, Ian Hua, a superb student of singular distinction and superlative abilities, has established high standards of academic excellence and purposefulness of life rarely achieved in youthful years; and

WHEREAS, An outstanding role model for his classmates, Ian Hua has brought honor to his family, school, and community; he truly embodies

diligence, motivation and tenacity, admirable qualities that will serve him well now and into the future; 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 Ian Hua upon the occasion of being named a National Merit Scholar; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ian Hua.