Assembly Resolution No. 754

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HONORING Stephen Lindridge upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Silver Award by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation

WHEREAS, From time to time, this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Stephen Lindridge, the Technology Chairperson and Manufacturing CTE Course Instructor at Candor High School, upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Silver Award by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation founded the President's Volunteer Service Award to recognize the important role of volunteers in America's strength and national identity; this award honors individuals whose service positively impacts communities in every corner of the nation and inspires those around them to take action; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of the school year, a group of 39 students, with the assistance of Mr. Lindridge, have been engaged in machining parts for prosthetic legs with the guidance of Life Changer Manufacturing and SKY (Skilled Knowledgeable Youth) program; SKY aims to expose youth to STEM projects that will enhance their abilities through challenging projects that interest them in engineering and skilled trade jobs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lindridge decided to become involved with Brian Copes' program, who teaches at Chickasaw High School in Mobile, Alabama and has been working on prosthetic leg designs for the past 12 years with his students; Candor students developed a mass-production model to streamline the creation of 206 ankle and knee joints and 24 adjustable shin bones, which will ultimately help amputees in developing countries; and

WHEREAS, With the leadership of Mr. Lindridge, students involved with the project have interfaced with other students across the country to solve manufacturing issues, work with Solidworks to solidify designs, use Mastercam to program CNC machines and operate machine tools; also, several of the students have been invited to join him and Brian Cope to fly to Latin America and fit the legs to the recipients; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Lindridge was selected as one of six finalists for the 2021 Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence, which honors excellent teaching in skilled trades; he also has received

recognition for his projects and instruction with WETM Golden Apple in 2011, the 2013 NYS Tech and Engineering Educators Association Region Teacher of the Year, the 2015 NYSTEEA State Teacher of the Year, and the

2016 International Technology and Engineering Educators Association Teacher of Excellence Award; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Stephen Lindridge upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Silver Award by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Stephen Lindridge.