

Senate Resolution No. 1042

BY: Senator RHOADS

HONORING Lucas Azan upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2025 Citizenship Advancement Award

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people, within this great Empire State, who have made strong contributions to their communities and serve as role models for their peers; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Lucas Azan, upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2025 Citizenship Advancement Award, to be recognized at a senior scholarship ceremony at Island Trees High School on Tuesday, June 3, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Lucas Azan, committed to hard work, has achieved excellence in academics, community service, and extracurricular endeavors, justly earning this esteemed recognition; and

WHEREAS, A senior at Island Trees High School, Lucas Azan is a true scholar who believes every opportunity can become a learning one; academically, he has taken on the rigor of Advanced Placement (AP) classes like it is his one and only job; and

WHEREAS, Lucas Azan's pensive and thoughtful demeanor has given others the impression that he is shy; however, on the topics of engineering, government, math, hockey, or martial arts, he will talk endlessly; if there is a topic he does not know well, he will research it to prepare for a later conversation; and

WHEREAS, Lucas Azan has excelled in all his subjects, putting extra work into the ones that were more challenging; although math and science are what he favors, he is really an "every-subject kid"; and

WHEREAS, There are possibly three good reasons for Lucas Azan's academic success: He works extremely hard for the knowledge, not the grade; he does not accept average from himself because he sees the correlation between hard work now and success later; and he turned his challenge of ADHD into a superpower that made him channel the stimulation in his brain to gain more knowledge; and

WHEREAS, Lucas Azan participates in activities that are not typical; there are not many blackbelt-referee-outreach mentors who want to work at a camp with kids in the hot summer; an admirable quality he has is not feeling the need to do what is popular and still stands out among his peers; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, this respected scholar and distinguished member of his community now stands

honorably with just pride in his accomplishments and in eager anticipation of all his future endeavors and limitless opportunities; and

WHEREAS, It is of utmost importance 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Lucas Azan upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2025 Citizenship Advancement Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lucas Azan.