

Senate Resolution No. 1954

BY: Senator RHOADS

HONORING Ryan Tullo upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the New York State Citizenship Award

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor the young adults of today, and leaders of tomorrow, whose character, conduct, and accomplishments best exemplify the ideals of responsibility, integrity, and service that are foundational to civic life in 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 honor Ryan Tullo upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the New York State Citizenship Award; he will be recognized at a Senior Awards Night event on Thursday, May 28, 2026; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Citizenship Award recognizes students who demonstrate outstanding citizenship through excellence in academics, meaningful community involvement, leadership in school and extracurricular activities, and a consistent commitment to serving others with responsibility and respect; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Tullo, a senior at Wantagh High School, has distinguished himself as a young adult of exceptional character, demonstrating dependability, initiative, and a strong sense of civic responsibility in both his school and broader community; and

WHEREAS, In the area of academic citizenship, Ryan Tullo has consistently pursued academic excellence while contributing positively to the school environment as a member of the National Business Honor Society, National Honor Society, and World Language Honor Society, each of which reflects his dedication to scholarship, responsibility, and intellectual growth; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Tullo has further demonstrated academic integrity and leadership by maintaining high standards of personal accountability and serving as a role model to his peers, exemplifying what it means to be a responsible student citizen within the school community; and

WHEREAS, In the spirit of school citizenship, Ryan Tullo has actively contributed to the culture of his school through his involvement in organizations that promote leadership, service, and collaboration among students, helping to strengthen a sense of unity and shared purpose within Wantagh High School; and

WHEREAS, Athletically, Ryan Tullo has exemplified sportsmanship, teamwork, and respect for others through his participation in varsity baseball and golf, earning recognition from Long Island Baseball, All League (2024 and 2025), Preseason All Long Island, and Defensive MVP in the Leiderman Cup, all of which reflect his dedication, discipline, and

commitment to excellence; and

WHEREAS, Through athletics, Ryan Tullo has further demonstrated the principles of citizenship by supporting his teammates, demonstrating perseverance in competition, and representing his school with pride, humility, and integrity both on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Tullo has exhibited outstanding leadership and civic responsibility through his roles as Founder and President of the Health and Wellness Club, Treasurer of the National Business Honor Society, and Secretary of the Entrepreneurship Club, where he has helped guide peers, organize initiatives, and encourage positive engagement within the student body; and

WHEREAS, In each of these leadership roles, Ryan Tullo has demonstrated a strong commitment to service, accountability, and collaboration, fostering environments in which students are encouraged to contribute meaningfully to their school and community; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Tullo has further strengthened his citizenship profile through extensive community involvement, including work at the front desk of the Long Island Baseball facility, coaching winter workouts for Long Island Baseball, and assisting younger athletes in developing both skills and character through structured athletic programs; and

WHEREAS, In service to his community, Ryan Tullo has contributed his time and effort to the Helping Hands Mission by assisting with Thanksgiving boxes, participated in the Wantagh baseball summer camp alongside his peers, and coached at the 11U baseball clinic, each of which reflects a genuine commitment to helping others and giving back without expectation of recognition; and

WHEREAS, Through these experiences, Ryan Tullo has demonstrated that citizenship is not only expressed through formal achievement, but also through consistent acts of service, mentorship, and responsibility toward others in both structured and informal settings; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Tullo's record reflects a young man who understands the importance of contributing to the well-being of his community, supporting younger students and athletes, and using his skills and time to positively impact those around him; and

WHEREAS, The impactful leadership, steadfast responsibility, and unwavering drive which Ryan Tullo has continually displayed have earned him this distinguished recognition, reflecting his strong moral character and dedication to civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Tullo plans to attend Lynn University where he will continue his academic and athletic career by playing baseball and studying criminal justice, with aspirations of becoming a police officer or serving within the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), thereby continuing his commitment to public service and community protection; and

WHEREAS, As Ryan Tullo looks forward to the next chapter of his

life, he is poised to further develop his leadership abilities, expand his academic and professional goals, and continue making meaningful contributions to society through service and public responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Poised with a great sense of enthusiasm and purpose, this scholar now stands honorably with just pride in his accomplishments and in eager anticipation of future challenges, understanding and appreciating the guidance, encouragement, and support provided by his teachers, mentors, coaches, family, and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Ryan Tullo upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the New York State Citizenship Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ryan Tullo.