Senate Resolution No. 1989

BY: Senator RHOADS

HONORING Oscar Lin 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 the leaders of tomorrow, whose character and achievements best exemplify the ideals and values cherished by 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 Oscar Lin upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the New York State Citizenship Award, to be recognized on May 19, 2026, at East Meadow High School in East Meadow, New York; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Citizenship Award is bestowed upon students who embody the highest principles of civic responsibility, integrity, and dedication to the common good, serving as role models who strengthen the fabric of their communities through their actions, conduct, and example; and

WHEREAS, True citizenship is demonstrated not only through academic success, but through a steadfast commitment to service, ethical leadership, personal accountability, and an unwavering sense of responsibility toward others and the broader community; and

WHEREAS, Oscar Lin has consistently exemplified these ideals through his character, his actions, and his commitment to serving others, reflecting the very essence of responsible and engaged citizenship; and

WHEREAS, As a student who understands that citizenship is both a privilege and a responsibility, Oscar Lin has demonstrated a sustained commitment to civic engagement, actively seeking opportunities to contribute meaningfully to his school community and to the well-being of those around him; and

WHEREAS, Oscar Lin, a Senior at East Meadow High School in East Meadow, New York, has distinguished himself as an intelligent, compassionate, and driven student leader whose actions consistently reflect maturity, purpose, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated and inspiring leader, Oscar Lin currently serves as Senior Class President and Co-President of both the Science Honor Society and the World Action Club, where he has strengthened student involvement and encouraged meaningful participation in school life; and

WHEREAS, Through his leadership roles, Oscar Lin has demonstrated that citizenship is actively practiced through service, collaboration, and the ability to bring individuals together in pursuit of shared goals

that benefit the larger community; and

WHEREAS, Ranked in the top 5% of his class, Oscar Lin has excelled in a rigorous academic program that includes nine Advanced Placement courses and five college-level classes, reflecting both discipline and a strong commitment to academic excellence as a foundation for informed and responsible citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Oscar Lin has organized major school events that foster school spirit and community engagement, and has led impactful service initiatives, including coordinating efforts with the New York Blood Center, thereby promoting awareness of civic responsibility and the importance of service to others; and

WHEREAS, Oscar Lin's leadership in service initiatives demonstrates a deep understanding that citizenship is strengthened through volunteerism, compassion, and a willingness to address the needs of the community in meaningful and practical ways; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his academic and leadership achievements, Oscar Lin is a varsity athlete, competing on both the volleyball and tennis teams, where he is recognized for his teamwork, discipline, perseverance, and exemplary sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, Through his participation in athletics, Oscar Lin has further demonstrated that citizenship is reflected in fair play, respect for others, and the ability to contribute positively to a team environment while striving for excellence; and

WHEREAS, Oscar Lin has extended his commitment to service beyond the school setting through his volunteer work at Nassau University Medical Center and his training in an Emergency Medical Technician program, reflecting a profound dedication to helping others in times of need; and

WHEREAS, His engagement in healthcare-related service underscores a strong sense of civic duty and a clear understanding that responsible citizenship includes caring for the health, safety, and well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, Oscar Lin has consistently demonstrated qualities of independence, perseverance, humility, and gratitude, and is widely respected for his kindness, emotional intelligence, and ability to uplift and support those around him; and

WHEREAS, The essence of citizenship lies in the willingness to act with integrity, to serve selflessly, to respect others, and to contribute positively to society, all of which Oscar Lin has demonstrated through both word and deed; and

WHEREAS, Oscar Lin's actions reflect a deep appreciation for the responsibilities that accompany citizenship, including leadership, service, and the ongoing commitment to improve one's community through thoughtful and ethical engagement; and

WHEREAS, His example affirms that responsible citizenship is not a

single achievement, but a lifelong endeavor that extends beyond the classroom and into every aspect of personal, academic, and professional life; and

WHEREAS, As he looks forward to his next chapter in the field of healthcare, Oscar Lin is poised to continue advancing his leadership skills, furthering his academic and professional goals, and making a lasting and meaningful impact on the lives of others; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Oscar Lin 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 Oscar Lin.