Senate Resolution No. 2027

BY: Senator RHOADS

HONORING Lucas Rich upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the New York State Citizenship Award on May 28, 2026

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor the young adults of today, and 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 Lucas Rich upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the New York State Citizenship Award, to be recognized on May 28, 2026, at John F. Kennedy High School in Bellmore, New York; and

WHEREAS, Citizenship is not merely a title, but a sustained commitment to participation, responsibility, and service; it is demonstrated through respect for others, engagement in community life, and the willingness to contribute thoughtfully and constructively to the common good; and

WHEREAS, Lucas Rich has consistently exemplified the highest standards of citizenship through his actions, demonstrating integrity, accountability, and a sincere respect for the institutions and communities of which he is a part; and

WHEREAS, Remarkable, respectful, and self-motivated are the first attributes that come to mind when describing Lucas Rich; his dedication, leadership, and civic engagement have shone brightly across his school community, setting a standard for his peers; and

WHEREAS, His involvement in student government, where he has served as both Senator and Secretary, reflects not only his leadership potential but also his commitment to representing the voices and interests of others with fairness and responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Through these roles, Lucas Rich has demonstrated a clear understanding of civic duty, actively participating in decision-making processes, fostering collaboration, and contributing to a positive and productive school environment; and

WHEREAS, As a first seat trumpet player in the wind ensemble, Lucas Rich has distinguished himself through discipline and dedication, using his musical talents to enrich the cultural life of his school while serving as a role model for excellence and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, Beyond his achievements in academics and the arts, Lucas Rich has shown a deep commitment to civic engagement through his participation in civic action projects and local committees, where he has worked to strengthen community awareness and encourage meaningful

dialogue; and

WHEREAS, His efforts reflect a genuine understanding that responsible citizenship involves both awareness of community needs and a willingness to take initiative in addressing them; and

WHEREAS, Lucas Rich's journey from a quiet freshman to a confident and engaged leader is a testament to his character, as he has intentionally challenged himself to grow, contribute, and lead with purpose; and

WHEREAS, His development demonstrates that citizenship is cultivated through experience, reflection, and the courage to step forward in service to others; and

WHEREAS, Lucas Rich's aspirations to pursue higher education further underscore his intellectual curiosity and his commitment to applying knowledge in ways that will benefit society, reflecting the values of lifelong learning and informed participation; and

WHEREAS, In Lucas Rich, one finds a student who is ambitious and dedicated, yet equally grounded in compassion, resilience, and a strong sense of responsibility to others, qualities which embody the very essence of exemplary citizenship; and

WHEREAS, His actions and achievements serve as an inspiring example of how young individuals can meaningfully contribute to their communities while preparing to take on the responsibilities of active and engaged citizenship in the broader society; 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 Lucas Rich 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 Lucas Rich.