

Senate Resolution No. 2037

BY: Senator RHOADS

HONORING Jake Wilson 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 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 Jake Wilson upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the New York State Citizenship Award, to be recognized on Thursday, May 28, 2026, at W. C. Mephram High School in Bellmore, 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 and example; and

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

WHEREAS, Jake Wilson has exemplified these ideals through his consistent demonstration of respect, accountability, and compassion, reflecting the core values of engaged and responsible citizenship; and

WHEREAS, As a student who understands the importance of civic engagement, Jake Wilson contributed meaningfully to his school and broader community, embracing opportunities to lead, collaborate, and uplift those around him; and

WHEREAS, Jake Wilson, a senior at W. C. Mephram High School in Bellmore, New York, has proven himself to be an intelligent, compassionate, and driven student leader; and

WHEREAS, Jake Wilson is actively involved in a variety of extracurricular pursuits, and he is a three-season athlete with several sportsmanship awards; and

WHEREAS, With a desire to improve the student experience, Jake Wilson has served as class President for the past four years, and he has helped to organize, fundraise, and facilitate several major school events; and

WHEREAS, When new students arrive at his school, Jake Wilson volunteers to greet these new students and walk them to their classes, helping to foster a welcoming and supportive environment for all

students; and

WHEREAS, Jake Wilson has represented his school in various capacities, including as a student representative during Board of Education meetings; and

WHEREAS, Through these activities, Jake Wilson has demonstrated not only exceptional aptitude, but also an unwavering commitment to collaboration and a strong sense of shared responsibility, qualities that distinguish him as an exemplary citizen; and

WHEREAS, A shining example for his peers and our youth, Jake Wilson is good-natured, intellectually curious, and a great conversationalist; he is a stellar leader and role model for all members of his community; and

WHEREAS, The essence of citizenship lies in the willingness to act with integrity, to serve selflessly, and to contribute positively to society, qualities which Jake Wilson has demonstrated through both word and action; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the selfless dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Jake Wilson has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, As Jake Wilson looks forward to his next chapter, he is sure to continue fostering his leadership skills, advancing his academic achievements, and making a meaningful difference in his community; and

WHEREAS, Jake Wilson is evidence that responsible citizenship is a lifelong endeavor, one that extends beyond the classroom and into every aspect of personal and professional life; 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 caring counsel and support provided by his teachers, mentors, and parents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Jake Wilson 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 Jake Wilson.