

**BY:** Senator RHOADS

**HONORING** Michael Antonellis 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 Michael Antonellis upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the New York State Citizenship Award, to be celebrated at a ceremony on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at Farmingdale High School; 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,** Michael Antonellis has exemplified these ideals through his consistent demonstration of respect, accountability, and compassion, reflecting the core values of engaged and responsible citizenship; and

**WHEREAS,** Michael Antonellis is an intelligent and motivated scholar, student athlete, musician, and leader in his senior year at Farmingdale High School in Farmingdale, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** At Farmingdale High School, Michael Antonellis has pushed himself academically with his coursework, taking both Advanced Placement courses and college-level courses, including Farmingdale's hardest math course, AP Calculus BC; despite his heavy courseload, this remarkable scholar has maintained a weighted GPA of 102.51; and

**WHEREAS,** Michael Antonellis' impressive academic record has earned him membership in several honor societies, including National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Tri-M Honor Society, and French Honor Society, where he serves as treasurer; and

**WHEREAS,** Outside of the classroom, Michael Antonellis has been an athlete on Farmingdale High School's cross country and winter and spring track teams since his freshman year; his love for running inspired him to complete his first half marathon in 2025; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition to being a student athlete, Michael Antonellis

plays the trumpet and is a proud member of Farmingdale High School's marching band, jazz band, wind ensemble, and pep band; as a strong musician that his peers look up to, Michael Antonellis was selected to serve as section leader for the trumpets in his marching band; and

**WHEREAS,** A proven leader and role model, this extraordinary young man is being recognized not only for his academic and extracurricular achievement, but also for the profound impact he has had on Farmingdale High School and his local community; and

**WHEREAS,** Michael Antonellis has a passion for giving back to his community, and he volunteers through programs with the National Honor Society, the Varsity Leaders' Club, the Farmingdale Public Library, and the New York State Retriever Rescue, where he fosters puppies for future adoption; and

**WHEREAS,** Volunteering is a central part of Michael Antonellis' story, and he has recorded over 100 hours of community service; and

**WHEREAS,** To gain real-world experience, Michael Antonellis has worked at Bounce Family Entertainment Center in Syosset, New York, since 2025, where he ensures safety, manages events, and provides leadership to party groups; and

**WHEREAS,** The experience that Michael Antonellis has gathered throughout his time at Farmingdale High School has shaped him to be a well-rounded and accomplished individual; his commitments and desire to involve himself throughout his community has rightfully earned him the New York State Citizenship Award; and

**WHEREAS,** As Michael Antonellis looks forward to his next chapter, he hopes to study accounting; no matter where his path takes him, Michael Antonellis is sure to continue fostering his leadership skills, advancing his achievements, and making a difference in his community; and

**WHEREAS,** His example affirms 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 eagerly with enthusiasm and purposeful determination, 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 Michael Antonellis 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 Michael Antonellis.