

**BY:** Senator RHOADS

**HONORING** Joseph Grasso 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 Joseph Grasso 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 excellence in academics, community service, and extracurricular involvement; and

**WHEREAS,** Joseph Grasso, a senior at Wantagh High School, has proven himself to be an intelligent and driven student leader; and

**WHEREAS,** Academically, Joseph Grasso has been a member of the High Honor Roll, National Business Honor Society, and World Language Honor Society; and

**WHEREAS,** Joseph Grasso has exhibited his leadership skills and has served as Vice President of the Italian Club, President of the Language Honor Society, Vice President of the Business Honor Society, and Vice President of the Entrepreneurship Club; and

**WHEREAS,** Additionally, Joseph Grasso is a member of the Christian Club and Leukemia and Lymphoma Society; he tutors and is employed in his spare time; for his community, he serves at a baseball clinic for children with special needs and participates in charitable drives for toys, coats, and food; and

**WHEREAS,** The impactful leadership and unwavering drive which Joseph Grasso has continually displayed have earned his recognition; he plans to attend Fairfield University where he will study finance; his dream is to live in New York City and work at a major investment banking organization such as Goldman Sachs or JPMorgan Chase; and

**WHEREAS,** As Joseph Grasso 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,** 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 Joseph Grasso 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 Joseph Grasso.