Assembly Resolution No. 168

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**WELCOMING** students from Thurgood Marshall Academy's National Honor Society and Student Government organizations to the Legislative Chambers in Albany, New York, on March 19, 2025

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the great Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who serve as role models for their peers; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to welcome the students from Thurgood Marshall Academy's National Honor Society and Student Government organizations to the Legislative Chambers in Albany, New York, on March 19, 2025; and

**WHEREAS,** Student involvement in academic and extracurricular clubs and organizations fosters personal growth, leadership skills, and a sense of community while also encouraging teamwork, friendship building, and the development of communication abilities; and

**WHEREAS,** Engaging in such activities often boosts academic performance and prepares students for future challenges by promoting responsibility, creativity, and problem-solving, making it an essential part of their overall education experience; and

**WHEREAS,** Student Government encourages student leadership, responsibility, and participation in decision-making; it provides a platform for students to voice concerns, advocate for changes, and engage with school administration to invoke lasting, positive changes, all while promoting a sense of school spirit and unity; and

**WHEREAS,** National Honor Society (NHS) focuses on empowering, championing, and recognizing well-rounded students; NHS provides schools with a values-based framework to elevate a culture of scholarship, service, leadership, and character; the students inducted into this prestigious organization represent academic, service-based, and leadership excellence; and

**WHEREAS,** Our youth hold the key to shaping the future, as they possess the vision, energy, and potential to drive meaningful change; by empowering and guiding them today, we nurture the leaders, innovators, and change-makers of tomorrow; and

**WHEREAS,** The ideas, actions, and determination of New York's precious youth will pave the way for a brighter, more inclusive world for generations to come, and it is the honor of this Legislative Body to welcome the students of Thurgood Marshall Academy and commend them upon their numerous achievements; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the members of the New York State Legislature extend a warm welcome to the students of Thurgood Marshall Academy to the Legislative Chambers in Albany on March 19, 2025; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to acknowledge the students of Thurgood Marshall Academy for their commitment to the revered principles of student leadership, academic success, and upstanding character; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Senate and Assembly applauds the students of Thurgood Marshall Academy, wishing them future success in all their endeavors and thank them for their meaningful visit to the State Capitol.