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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Merlyn John upon the occasion of being selected as the 2016 Valedictorian of Sewanaka High School

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor the youth of today, the leaders of tomorrow, whose character and achievements 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 commend Merlyn John upon the occasion of being selected as the 2016 Valedictorian of Sewanaka High School; and

WHEREAS, A young woman of singular distinction, Merlyn John has distinguished herself as a scholar of superlative ability, establishing a high standard of academic excellence and purposefulness of life rarely achieved in youthful years; and

WHEREAS, Through her diligence and rigorous efforts Merlyn John has earned a 99.69 GPA; after graduation, she plans to major in Pharmacy at the University of Pittsburgh; and

WHEREAS, Merlyn John, in achieving this high academic honor, may take just pride in the inspiration and contribution to the spirit of excellence she brings to her family, friends, community and school; and

WHEREAS, As Merlyn John takes her leave of Sewanaka High School, she bequeaths a legacy of academic achievement, school involvement and community service to which others may aspire; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those students of outstanding character, who have shown initiative and commitment toward constantly pursuing higher goals for themselves, and acting as role models of leadership to be emulated by their peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Merlyn John upon the occasion of being selected as the 2016 Valedictorian of Sewanaka High School, to recognize her for her outstanding academic achievement, and to extend to her the best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being, fully confident of her response to a promising future and appreciative of the model she represents for all aspiring young people of the Empire State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Merlyn John.