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Senate Resolution No. 2410

BY: Senator BONACIC

HONORING Ian O'Neill upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Senior Scholar Humanities Award by the Orange-Ulster BOCES on April 27, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, to honor the achievements of its young citizens and leaders of tomorrow, whose character and accomplishments exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Ian O'Neill upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Senior Scholar Humanities Award by the Orange-Ulster BOCES which was celebrated at its Fourth Annual Awards Breakfast, on Thursday, April 27, 2017, at Kuhl's Highland House, Middletown, New York; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious award recognizes outstanding high school students for their accomplishments and/or performances in the arts, including fine arts, theater, and music; and

WHEREAS, Ian O'Neill has distinguished himself as a young man of superlative ability, talent, and maturity, establishing standards of excellence and achievement, purposefulness of life, and responsibility

rarely achieved in youthful years; and

WHEREAS, A senior at Warwick High School, in Warwick, New York, Ian O'Neill plans to attend college in the fall of 2017; and

WHEREAS, Ian O'Neill plays the upright bass in the WVHS honors band and honors orchestra programs, as well as playing electric bass in the Jazz Ensemble; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Ian O'Neill is an electric bass and guitar player in three indie-rock groups called Furnace Creek, Wooden Fork, and Gus Dapperton, typically playing shows in the Manhattan and Brooklyn areas; and

WHEREAS, An outstanding role model for his classmates, Ian O'Neill has brought honor to his family, school, and community; and

WHEREAS, Ian O'Neill may stand with pride in his achievements, experiencing the satisfaction of his labors and the joy of his accomplishments, eager to face the challenge of new experiences as he continues his education; and

WHEREAS, Ian O'Neill represents the potential inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; this Legislative Body is pleased to honor this young man, recognizing his achievements and the promise of his future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor lan O'Neill upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of

the Senior Scholar Humanities Award by the Orange-Ulster BOCES, and to wish him well in his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ian O'Neill.