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Senate Resolution No. 556

BY: Senator LAVALLE

HONORING Luke Altman upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2019 President's Volunteer Service Award on March 23, 2019

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 honor Luke Altman upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2019 President's Volunteer Service Award, to be celebrated at Mattituck-Laurel Library, Mattituck, New York, on Saturday, March 23, 2019; and

WHEREAS, This prestigious award, endorsed by the President of the United States, recognizes individuals who make significant contributions to their communities in the form of volunteer work; and

WHEREAS, Luke Altman is a sophomore at Mattituck High School who has met the requirements to receive the bronze-level award in his age group, which means that he completed 50 hours of community service within one year; and

WHEREAS, His contributions included volunteer work at our library and at two local animal shelters: Kent Animal Shelter in Calverton and Southold Animal Shelter; he did this while juggling a very rigorous schedule filled with extracurricular activities including varsity cross

country, varsity wrestling, and J.V. tennis; and

WHEREAS, He is also an active member of his school's engineering club and is Vice President of Student Council; in addition, Luke will be participating in the NYSSMA All-State solo competition and is a member of division III SCMEA All-County Chorus; and

WHEREAS, Despite his busy schedule, Luke Altman has also held a job working at a local restaurant and maintaining stellar grades, consistently earning him a place on the high honor roll list; and

WHEREAS, Luke Altman hopes to pursue a career in engineering after graduating high school; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism is an essential element of all societies; it provides a way in which the human values of community, caring and serving can be sustained and strengthened; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism promotes family and community solidarity; most importantly, people who volunteer their time in civic and charitable endeavors inspire others to the call of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Luke Altman upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2019 President's Volunteer Service Award on March 23, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Luke Altman.