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Assembly Resolution No. 745

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HONORING Cayden Mangiameli upon the occasion of being named a 2022 Coca-Cola Academic Team Gold Scholar

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, honoring the young people 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Cayden Mangiameli upon the occasion of being named a 2022 Coca-Cola Academic Team Gold Scholar; and

WHEREAS, The Coca-Cola Academic Team program recognizes 50 Gold, 50 Silver, and 50 Bronze Scholars nationally with nearly \$200,000 in scholarships annually; each scholar also receives a commemorative medallion; and

WHEREAS, Students are nominated for the academic team by their college administrators, and selection is based on academic achievement, leadership, and engagement in college and community service; selection is also based on scores the student earned in the All-USA Academic Team competition, for which more than 2,000 applications were received this year; and

WHEREAS, This vital program is sponsored by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and is administered by Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society, the national honor society for students at two-year institutions; and

WHEREAS, Cayden Mangiameli will be recognized for this auspicious

honor during the All-New York Academic Team Luncheon on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at Onondaga Community College; he will also be recognized internationally during Phi Theta Kappa's Annual Convention, April 7-9, 2022, in Denver, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Glen Spey, New York, Cayden Mangiameli is a business administration student at SUNY Orange; and

WHEREAS, Upon his graduation in May of 2022, Cayden Mangiameli will have completed a somewhat non-traditional educational path by having first attained his High School Equivalency (HSE) at SUNY Orange in 2018 before enrolling full-time in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Cayden Mangiameli serves as president of SUNY Orange's local PTK chapter, is president of the Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA) student club and is a member of the Business Club; he has been a volunteer firefighter since he was 16 years old, while simultaneously working for an area accounting firm where he currently serves as the office manager; and

WHEREAS, A tireless advocate for those in need, Cayden Mangiameli volunteers for many humanitarian efforts which support a variety of communities; he has been a strong student voice at SUNY Orange on behalf

of the LGBTIA+ community, and this year, he led a discussion on understanding the impact of using and misusing preferred pronouns; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Cayden Mangiameli has led a partnership between PTK and Fearless! Hudson Valley to supply people and families of domestic abuse with essential items; he is also coordinating fundraising efforts to help the college install free menstrual product dispensers and displays on both campuses to expand access to products that are not free or covered by government assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from SUNY Orange, Cayden Mangiameli intends to transfer to a four-year university to continue his education in business, with a focus on finance and women and gender studies; his long-term goal is to partner his small business with organizations which

promote unity; he would also like to open a community center for minority groups to give them a second chance at life; and

WHEREAS, Truly deserving of this high academic honor, Cayden Mangiameli is an amazing student, leader and person who has not only excelled at the highest level in the classroom, he has been an active presence in student life at the college, even in the midst of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, As Cayden Mangiameli takes his leave of SUNY Orange, he bequeaths a legacy of academic achievement, school involvement and community service to which others may aspire; and

WHEREAS, Cayden Mangiameli stands poised on the threshold of a broad and challenging world; a testament to the love and nurturing care of his family, friends and school; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to honor Cayden Mangiameli, a young man and able scholar, recognizing the value of his labors and the promise of his future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Cayden Mangiameli upon the occasion of being named a 2022 Coca-Cola Academic Team Gold Scholar; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Cayden Mangiameli.