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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Jonah Mittler, Samuel Sommer, and Max Summers upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2012 Laura and Robert Chodos Award for Excellence in Student Research Using Historical Records

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, honoring the youth 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Jonah Mittler, Samuel Sommer, and Max Summers upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2012 Laura and Robert Chodos Award for Excellence in Student Research Using Historical Records; and

WHEREAS, The Student Research Award is named for Regent Emerita Laura Chodos and her late husband, Dr. Robert Chodos, who established an endowment to encourage students to explore the wealth of New York State historical records; and

WHEREAS, This 23rd Annual Award was presented through the New York State Archives and Archives Partnership Trust; and

WHEREAS, In their project, titled "Corruption and Reform in New York State," Jonah Mittler, Samuel Sommer, and Max Summers used historical records from the Library of Congress, the University of California Library, New York Times-Archives, and Harper's Weekly; and

WHEREAS, The students developed a comprehensive documentary on the political corruption and reform movements in New York City and New York State governments during the Progressive Era (1890-1920); and

WHEREAS, From their source documents, they used a wide variety of historical newspapers, political cartoons, archival photographs, and portraits to illustrate the scandals and investigations that led to the development of reform laws; and

WHEREAS, The three also researched the role of immigrants, voting ballot methods, and bribery and threats that propelled the Progressive Movement; and

WHEREAS, Jonah Mittler, Samuel Sommer, and Max Summers worked under the guidance of their Advanced Placement (AP) U.S. History teacher Frances Tria; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, these scholars now stand honorably, with just pride in their accomplishments and in eager anticipation of future challenges, understanding and appreciating the caring counsel and support provided by their teachers, mentors and parents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Jonah Mittler, Samuel Sommer, and Max Summers upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2012 Laura and Robert Chodos Award for Excellence in Student Research Using Historical Records; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jonah Mittler, Samuel Sommer, and Max Summers.