

## 2013-J564

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Anthony Scott upon the occasion of being named Student of the Year by the New York Association for Continuing/Community Education, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take notice of and acknowledge those individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary pursuit of education as adults; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Anthony Scott upon the occasion of being named Student of the Year by the New York Association for Continuing/Community Education, Inc., to be celebrated at its 30th Annual Awards and Legislative Event on March 5-6, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Scott enrolled in the Adult Education GED Preparation program in September 2011, after an earlier unsuccessful attempt at the GED exam; as a CSE classified student who also has difficulties with his eyesight, he had previously been tutored in math through a school program, but while taking the GED exam, the material looked unfamiliar and he completely shut down; and

WHEREAS, Despite enrolling with high reading and math scores, Anthony Scott was doubtful that he could pass the exam; his goal at that time was to only focus on math and to get out of the program as quickly as possible; and

WHEREAS, During his enrollment, Anthony Scott worked hard to master the math topics presented, participated freely in class lessons and discussions, and despite becoming frustrated, seemed to flourish in the adult education environment; he often discussed his feelings of isolation, but was well-liked and respected by his fellow classmates; after his first two months of instruction, Anthony's math skills increased from a 9.6 to a 12.4 on the Test of Adult Basic Education; and

WHEREAS, In January of 2012, a new program, Gateways to College and Careers replaced the traditional GED Program; at first, Anthony Scott did not want to participate in this comprehensive program, but later changed his mind; and

WHEREAS, Gateways is a uniquely innovative program which prepares

students for a GED credential and college entrance exams, but also awards the National Work Readiness Credential, develops a comprehensive career plan, and includes career preparation classes; because of Anthony's strong academic skills, he enrolled in the higher level Gateway 3 Program, where the focus is to refine GED skills with collegiate-based curriculum; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Scott has an innate desire to learn, possesses strong self motivational skills, and demonstrates ultimate responsibility; despite the rigors of this program, he was immediately able to function in the writing/literature group in which he was assigned, and quickly became a strong leader offering insights and opinions which helped his group function well; and

WHEREAS, His intense motivation coupled with a meticulous attention to detail served Anthony Scott well; through this program, he gained confidence in his math skills and refined his writing craft to the collegiate level; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Scott obtained his GED credentials in July of 2012, with scores that qualified him to enroll at SUNY Potsdam; currently enrolled, he has adjusted well to college life; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Scott will make the most of any collegiate experience offered to him and will achieve at high levels which serve his career goals well; the personal growth and achievements that he has experi-

enced, truly makes him worthy of the honor of NYACCE Student of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Throughout all of his life struggles and schooling, Anthony Scott may now stand with just pride in assessing his achievements, experiencing the satisfaction of his labors and the joy of his accomplishments, eager to face the challenge of new ventures; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Anthony Scott upon the occasion of being named Student of the Year by the New York Association for Continuing/Community Education, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anthony Scott.