

Senate Resolution No. 1304

BY: Senator MARTINS

CONGRATULATING Ava Walia upon the occasion of being crowned the 2025 National All-American Miss Preteen

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend individuals whose achievements exemplify excellence, leadership, and service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Ava Walia upon the occasion of being crowned the 2025 National All-American Miss Preteen; and

WHEREAS, Ava Walia of Nassau County, New York, has distinguished herself by winning the prestigious title of National All-American Miss Preteen, competing among nearly 100 young women from across the United States; and

WHEREAS, Through this remarkable achievement, Ava Walia made history as the first Indian American from Nassau County to win a national title in this program, bringing great pride to her family, her community, and the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her success in pageantry, Ava Walia has demonstrated extraordinary commitment to public service and civic engagement as a dedicated youth advocate for organ donation awareness through her platform, Save a Kidney; and

WHEREAS, Ava Walia's advocacy is deeply personal, inspired by the loss of her grandfather to kidney disease, and has driven her to educate families and communities about the life-saving importance of organ, eye, and tissue donation; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of her leadership and dedication, Ava Walia was appointed the first Junior Ambassador for Donate Life New York State, working alongside community leaders and organizations to further Donate Life's mission across the State; and

WHEREAS, Ava Walia also served with distinction on the host committee for Donate Life New York State's "Evening for Good" event held in New York City, where her leadership and collaborative efforts helped raise more than \$100,000 to support organ donation awareness and education initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Ava Walia recently returned from Nationals having earned the National All-American Miss Preteen title, proudly representing Nassau County and New York State on a national stage with poise, purpose, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Through her accomplishments, service, and advocacy, Ava

Walia exemplifies the values of compassion, leadership, and community service, and serves as a role model for young people throughout New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Ava Walia upon the occasion of winning the National All-American Miss Preteen title, and to commend her for her outstanding achievements, historic accomplishment, and unwavering commitment to service and advocacy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ava Walia.