

BY: Senator GALLIVAN

HONORING Linda Zakrzewski upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achiever of the Year Award by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce on March 20, 2025

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those distinguished citizens who would devote their life's work and purpose to community service, contributing to the welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Linda Zakrzewski upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achiever of the Year Award by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at its 52nd Annual Awards Gala on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at Samuel's Grande Manor in Williamsville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Linda Zakrzewski was nominated for this prestigious award for her steadfast and unremitting commitment to her beloved community of Clarence, New York; and

WHEREAS, Linda Zakrzewski has truly shaped her life around helping others; as a public school teacher for 36 years, she instilled in her students the skills necessary to be successful in life, as well as a sense of pride and community involvement through her establishment of a National Junior Honors Society at Buffalo's PS 81 and the school's first Girl Scout Troop; and

WHEREAS, Upon moving to Clarence in 2002, Linda Zakrzewski immersed herself in as many community volunteer opportunities as she could; she taught religious education for 16 years, volunteered for countless church events, and recently began giving of her time and energies to Meals on Wheels; and

WHEREAS, One of Linda Zakrzewski's earliest contributions to the Clarence community was her involvement in scouting; she became a Girl Scout leader for both of her daughters' troops, as well as an active participant in her son's Boy Scout Troop; over time, she became the Service Unit Leader of the Clarence Girl Scouts, Service Unit Campout Director, and took on several Girl Scout Troops in need of a leader; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, Linda Zakrzewski started a Girl Scout Day Camp program at Camp Windy Meadows; staffed entirely by volunteers, the camp is a place where girls can come for an affordable camp experience which is girl driven and girl led, teaching leadership and empowerment to the next generation of Girl Scouts; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Linda Zakrzewski was named a 2019 Women of Distinction by the Girl Scouts of Western New York; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Linda Zakrzewski has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Linda Zakrzewski upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achiever Award by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Linda Zakrzewski.