

BY: Senator RHOADS

HONORING Aleeza S. Sheikh upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2025 Citizenship Advancement Award

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the great Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who serve as role models for their peers; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Aleeza S. Sheikh upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2025 Citizenship Advancement Award, to be recognized at a senior scholarship ceremony at W. T. Clarke High School on Monday, June 9, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Aleeza S. Sheikh, committed to hard work and a deep sense of giving, has achieved excellence in academics, community service, and extracurricular endeavors, justly earning this esteemed recognition; and

WHEREAS, A student at W. T. Clarke High School, Aleeza S. Sheikh is a valued member of the Tech Squad, American Red Cross, and Dog Rescue Club; she also serves as president of National Honor Society, team co-captain and singles player on the varsity tennis team, an Information Technology Officer of Virtual Enterprise, and, in Chamber Orchestra, is the first stand of the Violin II Section of Theatre Pit Orchestra, is in the Violin I Section, as well as participates in private study of violin; and

WHEREAS, Further demonstrating her academic aptitude, Aleeza S. Sheikh is a candidate for a New York State Advanced Regents Diploma; and

WHEREAS, With a variety of interests and abilities, Aleeza S. Sheikh has experience as a student mentor with a peer mentoring initiative, and is the project coordinator for "Humans of East Meadow," a photo-documentary project created and operated by students of the East Meadow School District; and

WHEREAS, Aleeza S. Sheikh holds the following awards and distinctions: Broadway Education Alliance Roger Rees Award for Best Pit Orchestra in a Musical Theater Performance; Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society; National English Honor Society; National Honor Society; National French Honor Society; Level 6 Violinist at NYSSMA Music Festivals; Codexis, Inc Future Protein Engineers Research Contest; Girl Scouts of America - Bronze Award; The National French Exam Le Grand Concours: Honorable Mention; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, this respected scholar and distinguished member of her community now stands honorably with just pride in her accomplishments and in eager

anticipation of all her future endeavors and limitless opportunities;
and

WHEREAS, It is of utmost importance to honor the youth of today--the leaders of tomorrow, whose character and achievements exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Aleeza S. Sheikh upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2025 Citizenship Advancement Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Aleeza S. Sheikh.