

BY: Senator RHOADS

HONORING Madison Anderson 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 this great Empire State, who have made strong contributions to their communities and 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 Madison Anderson, upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2025 Citizenship Advancement Award, to be recognized at a senior scholarship ceremony at General Douglas MacArthur High School on Thursday, June 12, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Madison Anderson, committed to hard work, has achieved excellence in academics, community service, and extracurricular endeavors, justly earning this esteemed recognition; and

WHEREAS, A senior at General Douglas MacArthur High School, Madison Anderson is a remarkable young woman whose high school experience has been defined by her growth, leadership, and unwavering commitment to making a difference; and

WHEREAS, Madison Anderson is a dynamic, kind, and truly inspiring young woman; she has the inner drive and motivation to continually set and achieve goals while inspiring and edifying those around her; she was selected to serve as Student Advisor to the Superintendent, is a varsity athlete, and has excelled in Advanced Placement courses; and

WHEREAS, When she was ten years old, Madison Anderson was diagnosed with Tourette's syndrome; she has been able to manage her symptoms quite well, and it is not something you would notice when speaking with her; and

WHEREAS, Madison Anderson's diagnosis at a young age and the neurological concerns that her family faced when she was young are certainly an important part of her story; she is the first person to say that while she has had to overcome the challenges associated with this neurological disorder, it most certainly has not defined her or stopped her from achieving amazing things; 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 Madison Anderson 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 Madison Anderson.