

Senate Resolution No. 1450

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Aiden Lockwood upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the General Ira C. Eaker Award by the Civil Air Patrol

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this Nation, and the great State of New York, is reflective of the purposeful lives and good works of those patriotic and civic-minded community members who dedicate their lives and careers to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Aiden Lockwood upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the General Ira C. Eaker Award by the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) to be presented at the Banquet and Award Presentation on Saturday, January 24, 2026, at the South New Berlin Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Operating in all 50 states, Puerto Rico (including the U.S. Virgin Islands), and the District of Columbia and in more than 1,400 communities, the Civil Air Patrol is a congressionally chartered, federally funded, 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation and serves as the civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force; and

WHEREAS, The General Ira C. Eaker Award is the Civil Air Patrol's second most prestigious award and is presented to cadets who have demonstrated excellence in leadership, character, fitness, and Aerospace Education; and

WHEREAS, Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Aiden Lockwood, through his diligence and rigorous efforts, has completed one of the highest levels of achievement in the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program and consequently has been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed young man is one of only two percent of cadets nationwide to receive this prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, Beginning the program as a fresh airman at age 12, Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Aiden Lockwood, now 16, has grown into a competent leader; and

WHEREAS, Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Aiden Lockwood is an honor student, Junior Class President, multi-sport varsity athlete, percussionist, member of the student council, and Cadet Commander of NER-NY-189; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his four year long Civil Air Patrol career, Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Aiden Lockwood has earned level 1 ground team certification, wilderness first aid certification, and staffed encampments as flight Sergeant and flight Commander; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the talent and dedication this young man

demonstrates, Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Aiden Lockwood has been awarded Cadet and Cadet NCO of the Year Awards from the VFW, AFA, and the AFSA, the CAP achievement award, the CAP Commanders Award, as well as being honor cadet and honor flight at multiple events; and

WHEREAS, Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Aiden Lockwood's perseverance in rising through the ranks of the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program is a strong indication of his ability to master difficult tasks; his accomplishments have enabled him to emerge as a leader, fully equipped to meet the challenges of today's complex society; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Aiden Lockwood upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the General Ira C. Eaker Award by the Civil Air Patrol; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Aiden Lockwood.