Senate Resolution No. 1499

BY: Senator GALLIVAN

HONORING Danielle Bickel, Owner and Operator of Strokes Painting & Contracting, upon the occasion of her designation as an Emerging Entrepreneur by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated on March 19, 2026

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those individuals whose entrepreneurial leadership, professional excellence, and commitment to community advancement contribute meaningfully to the economic strength and social progress of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Danielle Bickel, Owner and Operator of Strokes Painting & Contracting, upon the occasion of her designation as an Emerging Entrepreneur by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at its 53rd Annual Awards Gala on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at Samuel's Grande Manor in Williamsville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Danielle Bickel is the Owner and Operator of Strokes Painting & Contracting, a woman-owned and operated company based in Buffalo, New York, built upon a foundation of skill, passion, and an unwavering commitment to quality craftsmanship; and

WHEREAS, Strokes Painting & Contracting was founded with a clear and purposeful vision: to deliver personalized service, exceptional workmanship, and meticulous attention to detail, while treating each client's home with care, respect, and collaboration throughout every phase of a project; and

WHEREAS, Under Danielle Bickel's leadership, Strokes has grown into a trusted team of experienced professionals who share a deep appreciation for the artistry of painting and the pride of a job done right, consistently exceeding client expectations and enhancing the spaces in which families live, work, and create memories; and

WHEREAS, With a career spanning more than two decades, Danielle Bickel has distinguished herself as a prominent figure in the construction industry, not only for her business success but also for her steadfast commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion within the field; and

WHEREAS, Danielle Bickel is widely recognized for her instrumental role in the creation of RISEUP, the Diversity and Inclusion Group of The Construction Exchange, which has become a driving force in promoting inclusive hiring practices, facilitating meaningful dialogue, and advancing educational initiatives throughout the construction sector; and

WHEREAS, Through her guidance and leadership, RISEUP has fostered

collaboration and awareness across the industry, establishing Danielle Bickel as a respected advocate and beacon of positive change; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her work with RISEUP, Danielle Bickel remains actively engaged in professional organizations, serving as an Events Committee Member for both the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) and The Construction Exchange of Western New York, where she helps organize industry-leading events and encourages knowledge-sharing among construction professionals; and

WHEREAS, Danielle Bickel's entrepreneurial success, combined with her unwavering dedication to leadership, inclusion, and community engagement, exemplifies the qualities celebrated by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce's Emerging Entrepreneur distinction; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Danielle Bickel upon the occasion of her designation as an Emerging Entrepreneur by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce on March 19, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Danielle Bickel, Strokes Painting & Contracting.