

Senate Resolution No. 1506

BY: Senator GALLIVAN

HONORING Dawn Snyder upon the occasion of being recognized as the Clarence Chamber of Commerce's 2026 Citizen of the Year

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Dawn Snyder has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dawn Snyder upon the occasion of being recognized as the Clarence Chamber of Commerce's 2026 Citizen of the Year at the 53rd Annual Awards Gala on Thursday, March 19, 2026 at Samuel's Grande Manor in Williamsville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Dawn Snyder has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Over the past decade, Dawn Snyder has been a driving force in the Clarence Central School District where she has served in various leadership roles in the Parent-Teacher Organizations, co-founded the Clarence Schools Enrichment Foundation (CSEF), which has raised over \$475,000 that benefit the students of the district, and helped shape the educational programming by serving on the Executive Committee that launched the Clarence High School Academy of Business and Finance; and

WHEREAS, In her ninth year as a member of the Clarence Board of Education, Dawn Snyder serves as vice president of the Erie County Association of School Boards and is an advocate for student well-being; she was instrumental in forming the Family Support Center and serves on its Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, As President of the Clarence Community Foundation, Dawn Snyder launched the Clarence Community Giving Project, where local nonprofits come together to help those in need during the holidays by providing gift cards, and the International Day of Sharing, which was created to educate and create awareness of the different cultures within our community; and

WHEREAS, Knowing no bounds to community service, Dawn Snyder's philanthropic work also includes serving on the Executive Board of the Clarence Contemporary Club, which fosters civic pride and supports charitable and educational activities, and as the Event Coordinator for Fireworks in the Park; and

WHEREAS, A devoted member of the Clarence Global Methodist Church,

Dawn Snyder serves on the Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Team; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Dawn Snyder has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Dawn Snyder has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dawn Snyder upon the occasion of being recognized as the Clarence Chamber of Commerce's 2026 Citizen of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dawn Snyder.