

Senate Resolution No. 1523

**BY:** Senator SCARCELLA-SPANTON

**HONORING** Veronica "Ronnie" Gambon upon the occasion of her designation as New Yorker of the Week by Spectrum News NY1

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those outstanding individuals whose commitment, dedication, and service contribute significantly to the vitality and well-being of the communities of New York State; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Veronica "Ronnie" Gambon upon the occasion of her designation as New Yorker of the Week by Spectrum News NY1 on Monday, January 26, 2026; and

**WHEREAS,** Veronica "Ronnie" Gambon is a resident of West Brighton, a neighborhood in Staten Island, New York, and she helps stock and maintain a Little Free Library along the North Shore Esplanade; and

**WHEREAS,** Little Free Libraries are small boxes scattered throughout communities where people can take or leave a book of their choosing with no membership, card, or payment necessary; to Veronica "Ronnie" Gambon, these boxes are a way to foster community connection while encouraging reading in her neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS,** Veronica "Ronnie" Gambon has spent over a decade tending to dozens of Little Free Libraries throughout Staten Island, New York, although three of her favorite locations are along the North Shore, due in part to their scenic location which allows passersby to enjoy water views while exploring new books; and

**WHEREAS,** An avid reader and passionate lover of literature, Veronica "Ronnie" Gambon comes from a family that values books, and she dedicated her professional career to working in operations in publishing and news; and

**WHEREAS,** The skills that Veronica "Ronnie" Gambon has developed throughout her lifetime assist her in her community work, and she has made it her mission to breathe new life into areas that she feels are often overlooked; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition to her great work with Little Free Libraries throughout Staten Island, New York, Veronica "Ronnie" Gambon works in groups to help organize chess tournaments, Veterans Day commemorations, neighborhood cleanups, and voter registration efforts; she has also been a vital part of launching an initiative to bring resources and improved lighting to a nearby commercial corridor; and

**WHEREAS,** Spectrum News NY1's recognition of Veronica "Ronnie" Gambon as New Yorker of the Week is a fitting tribute to an individual whose commitment to service and love of her neighborhood has strengthened the

Staten Island community and enriched the lives of countless individuals and families; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Veronica "Ronnie" Gambon upon the occasion of her designation as New Yorker of the Week by Spectrum News NY1 on January 26, 2026; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Veronica "Ronnie" Gambon.