

Senate Resolution No. 1953

BY: Senator RHOADS

HONORING Sarah Loiacono upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the New York State Citizenship Award

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor the young adults of today, and leaders of tomorrow, whose character, conduct, and achievements best exemplify the ideals of citizenship, responsibility, and public service upon which this great State and Nation were founded; and

WHEREAS, Citizenship is defined not only by rights and privileges, but also by a solemn obligation to contribute to the common good, uphold civic values, respect community institutions, and actively participate in the strengthening of society through service and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Sarah Loiacono upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the New York State Citizenship Award; she will be recognized at a Senior Awards Night event on Tuesday, June 2, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Loiacono, a senior at Division Avenue High School in Levittown, New York, has distinguished herself as a student of exceptional character, demonstrating integrity, responsibility, and a steadfast commitment to her school and community; and

WHEREAS, A strong sense of citizenship is reflected in service to others, and Sarah Loiacono has exemplified this principle through her active leadership as secretary of the Key Club, where she has helped coordinate volunteer initiatives that directly benefit her school and surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, Further demonstrating her commitment to civic engagement, Sarah Loiacono has devoted her time to mentoring younger students through the Big Dragons/Little Dragons Program, fostering guidance, encouragement, and academic support that strengthens the educational foundation of future generations; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Loiacono has also represented Division Avenue High School at local Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis Club meetings, participating in community dialogue and demonstrating an understanding of the importance of civic organizations in promoting service, leadership, and community improvement; and

WHEREAS, Citizenship is strengthened through the development of personal talents in service of others, and Sarah Loiacono, as a talented vocalist recognized with All County honors and membership in the Tri-M Honor Society, has contributed to the cultural life of her school community while maintaining high standards of excellence; and

WHEREAS, Academically, Sarah Loiacono has pursued a rigorous course of study at Division Avenue High School, maintaining an impressive weighted GPA of 101.3501, reflecting her discipline, perseverance, and commitment to academic achievement as a foundation for future civic contribution; and

WHEREAS, True citizenship is further demonstrated through compassion in action, and Sarah Loiacono has exemplified this through her leadership in a student-run campaign for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, inspired by her aunt's diagnosis, through which she successfully helped raise nearly \$29,000; and

WHEREAS, Through this initiative, Sarah Loiacono not only supported an important cause, but also mobilized her peers, fostered collective responsibility, and demonstrated the power of youth leadership in addressing real-world challenges with determination and purpose; and

WHEREAS, The qualities of initiative, perseverance, and civic responsibility demonstrated by Sarah Loiacono have earned her recognition as a "Student Visionary of the Year" candidate, an honor reflecting her ability to lead with purpose and to positively impact the lives of others through meaningful action; and

WHEREAS, Citizenship also requires preparation for future service and continued engagement, and Sarah Loiacono, as she advances toward the next chapter of her life, is well positioned to carry forward the values of leadership, responsibility, and community involvement that she has already so clearly demonstrated; and

WHEREAS, Poised with a great sense of purpose and determination, this scholar now stands honorably, with just pride in her accomplishments and in eager anticipation of future challenges, having benefited from the guidance, encouragement, and support of her teachers, mentors, family, and community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Sarah Loiacono upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the New York State Citizenship Award, recognizing her outstanding commitment to civic responsibility, leadership, and service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sarah Loiacono.