

Senate Resolution No. 1999

BY: Senator ASHBY

COMMENDING Fatemeh Sima Amiri upon the occasion of winning the inaugural New York State of Poetry prize

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend and pay tribute to those young people who, by achieving outstanding success in educational competition, have inspired and brought pride to this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Fatemeh Sima Amiri upon the occasion of winning the inaugural New York State of Poetry prize; and

WHEREAS, New York State of Poetry is a new program created by the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) and the Teachers and Writers Collaborative to engage high school students across New York State with the art of poetry; and

WHEREAS, Students across New York State were invited to read and write poems with a chance to be published in a statewide anthology and read their poems at National Poetry Month readings; and

WHEREAS, The New York State of Poetry welcomed over 5,000 students from 59 high schools across every region of New York State into the craft of poetry: reading great poems and writing original works; and

WHEREAS, The winning poem, "Third Apartment," by Fatemeh Sima Amiri, a 10th grade student at Shaker High School in Albany County, stood apart from the thirty-three poems that were submitted and celebrated with readings at the Guggenheim Museum in New York City on Saturday, April 18, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Fatemeh Sima Amiri will be reading her piece at the New York State Museum in Albany, New York on Saturday, May 16, 2026 at 2 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, this scholar now stands honorably, with just pride in her accomplishments and in eager anticipation of future challenges, understanding and appreciating the caring counsel and support provided by her teachers and parents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Fatemeh Sima Amiri upon the occasion of winning the inaugural New York State of Poetry prize; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Fatemeh Sima Amiri.