

BY: Senator RHOADS

HONORING Nicholas Kanellopoulos upon the occasion of his 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 and achievements best exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Nicholas Kanellopoulos upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the New York State Citizenship Award, to be recognized on Thursday, June 4, 2026, at Seaford High School in Seaford, New York; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Citizenship Award is bestowed upon students who embody the highest principles of civic responsibility, integrity, and dedication to the common good, serving as role models who strengthen the fabric of their communities through their actions and example; and

WHEREAS, True citizenship is demonstrated not only through academic success, but through a steadfast commitment to service, ethical leadership, and an unwavering sense of responsibility toward others; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Kanellopoulos has exemplified these ideals through his consistent demonstration of respect, accountability, and compassion, reflecting the core values of engaged and responsible citizenship; and

WHEREAS, As a student who understands the importance of civic engagement, Nicholas Kanellopoulos contributed meaningfully to his school and broader community, embracing opportunities to lead, collaborate, and uplift those around him; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Kanellopoulos, a Senior at Seaford High School in Seaford, New York, has proven himself to be an intelligent, compassionate, and driven student leader; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated student and well rounded individual, Nicholas Kanellopoulos' extra-curricular club memberships include the Best Buddies, NHS, World Culture Club, and the Fitness and Wellness Club; and

WHEREAS, Through these activities, Nicholas Kanellopoulos has demonstrated not only his aptitude, but also the cooperative spirit and shared responsibility that are hallmarks of exemplary citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Planning a career in Finance and Accounting, Nicholas Kanellopoulos will be attending the University of Florida in the fall majoring in Business/Finance; and

WHEREAS, The essence of citizenship lies in the willingness to act with integrity, to serve selflessly, and to contribute positively to society, qualities which Nicholas Kanellopoulos has demonstrated through both word and deed; and

WHEREAS, As he looks forward to his next chapter in the field of Finance and Accounting, Nicholas Kanellopoulos is sure to continue fostering his leadership skills, advancing his academic achievements, and making a meaningful difference in his community; and

WHEREAS, His example affirms that responsible citizenship is a life-long endeavor, one that extends beyond the classroom and into every aspect of personal and professional life; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Nicholas Kanellopoulos upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the New York State Citizenship Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Nicholas Kanellopoulos.