Senate Resolution No. 2091

BY: Senator RHOADS

HONORING Anna Fitzpatrick 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 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 Anna Fitzpatrick upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the New York State Citizenship Award, to be recognized at an award ceremony on Thursday, May 28, 2026; 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, Anna Fitzpatrick has exemplified these ideals through her 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, Anna Fitzpatrick contributed meaningfully to her school and broader community, embracing opportunities to lead, collaborate, and uplift those around her; and

WHEREAS, Anna Fitzpatrick of Sanford H. Calhoun High School in Merrick, New York, has proven herself to be an intelligent, compassionate, and driven student leader; and

WHEREAS, Anna Fitzpatrick is actively involved in a variety of extracurricular pursuits, including her extensive work at Camp ANCHOR, showcasing her mentor skills and teamwork abilities; and

WHEREAS, By mentoring younger students and contributing to educational enrichment, Anna Fitzpatrick has embodied the principle that citizenship includes a duty to inspire and support the next generation; and

WHEREAS, Through her leadership as captain of the cross-country team, Anna Fitzpatrick has demonstrated not only her aptitude, but also her cooperative spirit and responsibility that are hallmarks of exemplary citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Academically, Anna Fitzpatrick has consistently pursued rigorous courses at Sanford H. Calhoun High School; she has earned the

distinction of AP Scholar with Distinction, as well as a perfect score in AP Biology; her intellectual curiosity, combined with her collaborative spirit, makes her a valued peer in the classroom; 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, The essence of citizenship lies in the willingness to act with integrity, to serve selflessly, and to contribute positively to society, qualities which Anna Fitzpatrick has demonstrated through both word and deed; and

WHEREAS, Inspired by her family's experience and guided by her deep empathy and concern for others, Anna Fitzpatrick founded "Lizzie's Army," which has raised over $15,000 for breast cancer research; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the selfless dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Anna Fitzpatrick has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, As Anna Fitzpatrick looks forward to her next chapter, she is sure to continue fostering her leadership skills, advancing her academic achievements, and making a meaningful difference in her community; and

WHEREAS, Her example affirms that responsible citizenship is a lifelong 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 her accomplishments and in eager anticipation of future challenges, understanding and appreciating the caring counsel and support provided by her teachers, mentors, and parents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Anna Fitzpatrick upon the occasion of her 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 Anna Fitzpatrick.