

Senate Resolution No. 2092

**BY:** Senator RHOADS

**HONORING** Ruby Cilibrasi 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 Ruby Cilibrasi 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,** 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,** Ruby Cilibrasi 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, Ruby Cilibrasi contributed meaningfully to her school and broader community, embracing opportunities to lead, collaborate, and uplift those around her; and

**WHEREAS,** Ruby Cilibrasi, a student at Sanford H. Calhoun High School in Merrick, New York, has proven herself to be an intelligent, compassionate, and driven student leader; and

**WHEREAS,** Ruby Cilibrasi is actively involved in a variety of extracurricular pursuits, including as captain of both the varsity tennis team and badminton team; and

**WHEREAS,** Through these activities, Ruby Cilibrasi has demonstrated not only her aptitude, but also the cooperative spirit and shared responsibility that are hallmarks of exemplary citizenship; and

**WHEREAS,** A shining example for her peers and our youth, Ruby Cilibrasi is heavily involved in clubs, community service, and volunteer activities; she can be found helping organize events, mentoring younger students, and sharing her enthusiasm for sports and school activities

with others; and

**WHEREAS,** Academically, Ruby Cilibrasi has consistently pursued rigorous courses available at Sanford H. Calhoun High School, including six AP courses this year; her intellectual curiosity, combined with her collaborative spirit, makes her a valued peer in the classroom; 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 Ruby Cilibrasi has demonstrated through both word and deed; and

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

**WHEREAS,** As Ruby Cilibrasi 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 Ruby Cilibrasi 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 Ruby Cilibrasi.