Senate Resolution No. 2145

BY: Senator RHOADS

HONORING Sophie Shiner upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the New York State Citizenship Award on May 28, 2026

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 Sophie Shiner upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the New York State Citizenship Award, to be recognized on May 28, 2026, at John F. Kennedy High School in Bellmore, New York; and

WHEREAS, Citizenship, at its highest expression, is demonstrated through responsibility, integrity, and a consistent commitment to the well-being of one's community; Sophie Shiner has exemplified these qualities throughout her high school career, earning the respect of peers, educators, and community members alike; and

WHEREAS, Sophie Shiner has distinguished herself as a young leader who understands that citizenship is not defined solely by participation, but by active contribution; through her service, leadership roles, and daily conduct, she has consistently modeled what it means to be a conscientious and engaged member of society; and

WHEREAS, As Track and Field Captain, Sophie Shiner has demonstrated citizenship through leadership, encouraging teamwork, perseverance, and accountability among her peers while fostering a culture of mutual respect and shared achievement within her athletic community; and

WHEREAS, In her role as Key Club Vice President, Sophie Shiner has further embodied civic responsibility by helping to organize and support service initiatives that strengthen her school and local community, reinforcing the importance of volunteerism and collective action in building a stronger society; and

WHEREAS, As a founding member of the Psychology Club, Sophie Shiner has contributed to the development of a thoughtful academic environment that promotes awareness, dialogue, and understanding of human behavior, reflecting her commitment to intellectual citizenship and the pursuit of knowledge in service of others; and

WHEREAS, Sophie Shiner has extended her sense of citizenship beyond school walls through meaningful community service, including her work supporting children with special needs, where she has demonstrated patience, empathy, and a steadfast dedication to ensuring that all individuals feel supported and valued; and

WHEREAS, Through her engagement in social media advocacy, Sophie Shiner has responsibly utilized modern platforms to create awareness and provide encouragement to others, showing that civic engagement today includes thoughtful and respectful communication in both physical and digital spaces; and

WHEREAS, Sophie Shiner's actions are deeply informed by her personal family experiences, which have shaped her understanding of resilience, responsibility, and the importance of lifting others during times of difficulty, further strengthening her commitment to compassionate citizenship; and

WHEREAS, In every endeavor, Sophie Shiner has demonstrated reliability and initiative, consistently stepping forward to serve as a positive example for her peers and contributing meaningfully to the betterment of her school environment and broader community; and

WHEREAS, Sophie Shiner's aspiration to become a psychologist reflects her enduring commitment to serving others, as she seeks to dedicate her future career to helping individuals navigate challenges and improve their quality of life through care, understanding, and professional support; and

WHEREAS, Sophie Shiner's academic diligence, coupled with her strong moral compass, has positioned her as a role model of student citizenship, one who recognizes that education and service are deeply interconnected in the development of responsible and engaged adults; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body recognizes Sophie Shiner as a young citizen whose character, service, and leadership reflect the very best ideals of community responsibility, and whose ongoing contributions promise a future marked by continued dedication to the public good; and

WHEREAS, Poised with a strong sense of purpose and responsibility, this scholar now stands honorably, with just pride in her accomplishments and in eager anticipation of future challenges, understanding and appreciating the guidance and support provided by her teachers, mentors, family, and community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Sophie Shiner 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 Sophie Shiner.