

BY: Senator RHOADS

HONORING Sahana Kristen Passaro 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 Sahana Kristen Passaro upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the New York State Citizenship Award; she will be recognized at a Senior Awards Night event on Thursday, May 28, 2026; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Citizenship Award recognizes students who demonstrate excellence in academics, community service, and extracurricular involvement; and

WHEREAS, Sahana Passaro, a senior at Bethpage High School, has proven herself to be an intelligent and driven student leader; and

WHEREAS, Academically, Sahana Passaro has been a Gold Honor Roll student every quarter of high school; she is an AP Scholar with Distinction, a National Merit Commended Scholar, and a member of the National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, Sahana Passaro is a member of the National Science, Math, Social Studies, English, Italian, and Music Honor Societies; she has participated in all plotted advanced courses and carried a weighted GPA over 100 since 7th grade; also, she has earned a weighted 4.0 GPA with advanced and AP courses since middle school; and

WHEREAS, Sahana Passaro has exhibited her leadership skills by serving as Captain of the Ethics Team; she has demonstrated her ability to lead and speak publicly; in all forms of public speaking and debating, she has proven her capability of debating, presenting, and forming arguments; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, Sahana Passaro has participated in drama classes since September 2022, acting, singing, serving on the stage crew, and utilizing her photography skills for events; and

WHEREAS, Highly active in her community, Sahana Passaro is a volunteer for school events, such as dances, church events, and the Peer Up Program at Bethpage High School; she also serves at AHRC Nassau, where she works with adults with disabilities, and the Bethpage Equestrian Center; and

WHEREAS, Since September 2013, Sahana Passaro has been a member of

Girl Scouts Troop 3254, obtaining Ambassador Status, the highest in the organization; with the Girl Scouts, she has participated in community service and projects which benefit her community; and

WHEREAS, Since September 2022, Sahana Passaro has been a member of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), fundraising for mental health organizations and utilizing spreadsheets which she has set up and organized; and

WHEREAS, Sahana Passaro has participated in IT internship, served the New York State Senate as an intern, fundraised for Baby Essential of Long Island, and provided customer service and care of patients at St. Joseph's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Professionally, Sahana Passaro has worked in the IT Department at Bethpage Union Free School District, tutored two students in math and science, provided customer service for the ice rink in the Town of Oyster Bay, and held several positions at ShopRite in Plainview; and

WHEREAS, The impactful leadership and unwavering drive which Sahana Passaro has continually displayed have earned her recognition; she anticipates graduation with Advanced Regents and Honors diplomas; and

WHEREAS, As Sahana Passaro 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, 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 Sahana Kristen Passaro 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 Sahana Kristen Passaro.