Senate Resolution No. 2199

BY: Senator RHOADS

HONORING Maidi Ghali 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 Maidi Ghali upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the New York State Citizenship Award, to be recognized on June 3, 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, Maidi Ghali, a student at MacArthur High School in Levittown, New York, has proven herself to be an intelligent, compassionate, and driven student leader; and

WHEREAS, Maidi Ghali 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, Maidi Ghali contributed meaningfully to her school and broader community, embracing opportunities to lead, collaborate, and uplift those around her; and

WHEREAS, Maidi Ghali has demonstrated not only her aptitude, but also the cooperative spirit and shared responsibility that are hallmarks of exemplary citizenship; 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 Maidi Ghali has demonstrated through both word and deed; and

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

WHEREAS, As Maidi Ghali 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 Maidi Ghali 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 Maidi Ghali.