

Senate Resolution No. 2200

**BY:** Senator RHOADS

**HONORING** Abdelrahman Arafa upon the occasion of his 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 Abdelrahman Arafa upon the occasion of his 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,** Abdelrahman Arafa, a student at MacArthur High School in Levittown, New York, has proven himself to be an intelligent, compassionate, and driven student leader; and

**WHEREAS,** Abdelrahman Arafa has exemplified these ideals through his 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, Abdelrahman Arafa contributed meaningfully to his school and broader community, embracing opportunities to lead, collaborate, and uplift those around him; and

**WHEREAS,** Abdelrahman Arafa has demonstrated not only his 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 Abdelrahman Arafa has demonstrated through both word and deed; and

**WHEREAS,** Rare indeed is the selfless dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Abdelrahman Arafa has displayed throughout his life; and

**WHEREAS,** As Abdelrahman Arafa looks forward to his next chapter, he is sure to continue fostering his leadership skills, advancing his academic achievements, and making a meaningful difference in his community; and

**WHEREAS,** His 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 his accomplishments and in eager anticipation of future challenges, understanding and appreciating the caring counsel and support provided by his teachers, mentors, and parents; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Abdelrahman Arafa upon the occasion of his 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 Abdelrahman Arafa.