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Senate Resolution No. 1852

BY: Senator KENNEDY

HONORING Alexandria M. Iwanenko upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2017 Independent Sector Student Community Service Award by the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities on March 6, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the great Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who serve as role models for their peers; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Alexandria M. Iwanenko upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2017 Independent Sector Student Community Service Award by the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities at its Annual Meeting Reception on Monday, March 6, 2017, at the Cornerstone Restaurant in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, A senior at Canisius College studying both Spanish/International Relations and Latin American Studies, Alexandria M. Iwanenko is a perfect example of the next generation of leaders and agents of change; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional young woman received this auspicious award for her remarkable leadership and steadfast and unremitting commitment to her community; and

WHEREAS, As an outstanding student, Alexandria M. Iwanenko is a member of the Canisius All-College Honors Program; in addition, she is actively involved in the Campus Ministry, and helps organize various justice-based events; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria M. Iwanenko served as the community school liaison for the United Way of Erie, Pennsylvania; in this capacity, she assisted community school directors and school leadership teams in the identification and alignment of appropriate services and resources based on specific needs and school goals, conducted community awareness and engagement by identifying advocacy opportunities related to community schools, and recruited and trained volunteers to assist in community school activities; and

WHEREAS, This dynamic young woman was also a teaching aide at Erie 1 BOCES where she worked with special education students, volunteered with Peace Action in New York State, helping to organize peace advocacy events in local communities; worked for Urban Leadership Learning Habitat for Humanity, and Buffalo Human Rights and Genocide Studies; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Alexandria M. Iwanenko is an active participant of the Education, Nurture, Encouragement, Readiness and Growth for Youth, Model United National Diplomacy Organization, and Peace Action New York State; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria M. Iwanenko is the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the 2017 Community Upstander Recognition by The Holocaust Resource Center of Buffalo; the 2017 Amy Betros Community

Service Award by the Canisius College All-College Honors Program, the 2017 Distinguished Senior Award by the Canisius College Alumni Association, and the 2017 Martin Luther King Jr. Student Award by Canisius College; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Alexandria M. Iwanenko is the beneficiary of the H.D. Paley Memorial Scholarship, the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship, and the New York State Merit Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Alexandria M. Iwanenko has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, With her sense of civic duty and her commitment to others, Alexandria M. Iwanenko represents the best development of the potential which is inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Alexandria M. Iwanenko upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2017 Independent Sector Student Community Service Award by the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Alexandria M. Iwanenko.