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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring DeVon Johnson upon the occasion of his designation as the 2014 Albany Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 DeVon Johnson upon the occasion of his designation as the 2014 Albany Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious award is the highest honor an Albany Boys & Girls Club member can receive; it recognizes outstanding contributions to family, school, community and to the Boys & Girls Club; and

WHEREAS, DeVon Johnson first came to the Boys & Girls Club due to his desire to play basketball; since then, he has taken on leadership roles in helping to conduct programs such as, Passport to Manhood, a teen program that engages young boys in discussions and activities that reinforce character, leadership, and positive behavior; and

WHEREAS, This exemplary young man has also been an instrumental part of the Goals to Graduation program, a teen program that helps youth make connections between their aspirations for the future and concrete actions they can take today, as well as the Career Launch program, which encourages club teen members to assess their skills and interests, explore careers, make sound education decisions and prepare to join the nation's workforce; and

WHEREAS, DeVon Johnson has assisted the Boys & Girls Club staff in creating a youth basketball clinic for children ages seven to nine; as part of his responsibility, he has helped organize scrimmages against

other local children, and organized fundraising opportunities to support the team; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he has also spent time volunteering at the Regional Food Bank, the Center for the Disabled, and Community Gardens; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Albany High School Basketball team, DeVon Johnson has achieved honor roll status during the first two quarters of the academic school year; he truly takes pride in his academic success, and his post high school plans are to attend Johnson State College to major in Exercise Science, and play for the college's basketball team; and

WHEREAS, This occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to wish DeVon Johnson continued success throughout his school years and beyond; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor the youth of today, and leaders of tomorrow, whose character and achievements best exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor DeVon Johnson upon the occasion of his designation as the 2014 Albany Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to DeVon Johnson.