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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Maslah Muya upon the occasion of her designation as the 2014 Central Village Boys & Girls Club of Syracuse, New York 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 Maslah Muya upon the occasion of her designation as the 2014 Central Village Boys & Girls Club of Syracuse, New York Youth of the Year; and

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

WHEREAS, Maslah Muya migrated to the United States in 2004 with her mother, Salme, and five siblings in hopes of finding a better life; she is one of the founders of Young Scholars, a program which supports the educational achievements of teenage refugees and immigrant youth, and seeks to instill in them the belief that college is attainable; and

WHEREAS, An avid volunteer, Maslah Muya gives of her time and energies as a member of Syracuse Teens on the Move with Prevention (STOMP), a group dedicated to helping teens make positive choices about drugs, sex and violence; and

WHEREAS, In addition, she provides a service to her community by working at Upward Bound, a program which helps youth prepare for college; and

WHEREAS, As a member of the Central Village Boys & Girls Club of Syracuse, New York, Maslah Muya has been instrumental in helping her peers

and teaching a citizenship class; and

WHEREAS, Maslah Muya plans to enroll in medical school at SUNY Upstate Medical University where she hopes to become a Pediatrician who will help to narrow the language barrier between physicians and immigrant parents with young children; and

WHEREAS, This occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to wish Maslah Muya continued success throughout her 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 Maslah Muya upon the occasion of her designation as the 2014 Central Village Boys & Girls Club of Syracuse, New York Youth of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Maslah Muya.