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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Luz Maria Negron upon the occasion of being named the New York State 2014 Youth of the Year by the Boys and Girls Clubs of America

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Luz Maria Negron upon the occasion of being named the New York State 2014 Youth of the Year by the Boys and Girls Clubs of America; she was honored at an awards ceremony held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Youth of the Year is a leadership development program which recognizes and advances the efforts of Boys and Girls Clubs members ages 16-18 in community service, contributions to family, academic performance, poise and public speaking ability; it is the highest honor a club member can receive; and

WHEREAS, Luz Maria Negron was selected among 31 outstanding youth for her sound character, leadership skills and willingness to give back to the community; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed young woman has overcome many difficult obstacles in her life, including being born with HIV; despite these challenges, she has become an integral part of her community through her numerous volunteer efforts; and

WHEREAS, With a sense of civic responsibility, Luz Maria Negron contributes her time helping children at the Club, while also preparing and serving meals at a local food pantry in the Bronx; in addition, she educates fellow students on the prevention of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases; and

WHEREAS, Respected in her community for her volunteer service, Luz Maria Negron is also an excellent student who participates in many extracurricular activities; she is the captain of both her swimming and softball teams, and is a lifeguard at the Madison Square Boys & Girls Club in the Bronx; and

WHEREAS, Luz Maria Negron plans to attend college and pursue her Ph.D. in Forensic Science in order to detect evidence in support of those who have been victims of crimes; and

WHEREAS, Displaying a strong sense of duty and a commitment to others, Luz Maria Negron 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 Luz Maria Negron upon the occasion of being named the New York State 2014 Youth of the Year by the Boys and Girls Clubs of America; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Luz Maria Negron.