

## 2015-J2054

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Swetha Thiagarajan upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Youth of the Year Award at the Regional Level by the Troy Boys & Girls Club

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 Swetha Thiagarajan upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Youth of the Year Award at the Regional Level by the Troy Boys & Girls Club to be celebrated on Tuesday, May 19, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The Boys & Girls Club's highest honor, the Youth of the Year Award, recognizes a community member whose outstanding contributions to their community, as well as their perseverance in overcoming personal challenges and obstacles; these honorees are shining examples and living proof that great futures start at Boys & Girls Clubs; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Boys & Girls Club of Troy for many years, Swetha Thiagarajan has overcome numerous obstacles in her young life; she has learned life may not always be favorable but she can reach her goals through hard work; and

WHEREAS, Swetha Thiagarajan has shown an unwavering willingness to serve others and to demonstrate leadership at this vital organization; she has served as a positive role model for children, from the ages of 5-12, in the afterschool program; and

WHEREAS, An ambitious and hard-working student, Swetha Thiagarajan currently holds the esteemed title of Valedictorian of her class; upon graduating, she dreams of attending Harvard University; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Swetha Thiagarajan maintains a healthy lifestyle by participating in the Chef-It-Up Cooking Club at the Boys & Girls Club, and playing sports at her school; she is a member of 15Love, a program which teaches young people how to play tennis; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, this Boys & Girls Club member now stands honorably, with just pride in her accomplishments and in eager anticipation of future challenges, understanding and appreciating the caring counsel and support provided by her teachers, coaches and loved ones; 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 Swetha Thiagarajan upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Youth of the Year Award at the Regional Level by the Troy Boys & Girls Club; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Swetha Thiagarajan.