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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Samantha Hernandez upon the occasion of being named one of the 40 Under 40 Rising Latino Stars by the Hispanic Coalition of New York

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 commend Samantha Hernandez upon the occasion of being named one of the 40 Under 40 Rising Latino Stars by the Hispanic Coalition of New York which was celebrated at a ceremony held on Sunday, October 11, 2015, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Samantha Hernandez, a junior at Sanford H. Calhoun High School, was nominated for this prestigious award by Christine Boyce, an advanced science research teacher at her school; she is also the youngest person and the only high school student in New York State to achieve this distinction; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary student with a passion for research, Samantha Hernandez has been studying the effects of bilingualism on the brain; she is planning an experiment in January aimed at assessing how proficiency in a second language can affect a student's ability to retain words in a new language; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this esteemed young woman writes for her school newspaper and is a member of Key Club, Students Against Destructive Decisions and Youth United for Global Action; she also performs clerical work as a volunteer at Winthrop-University Hospital in Mineola; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, this

scholar 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, advisors and parents; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Samantha Hernandez has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend young individuals of outstanding character, who have shown initiative and commitment toward constantly pursuing higher goals for themselves, and acting as role models of leadership to be emulated by both peers and young people; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Samantha Hernandez upon the occasion of being named one of the 40 Under 40 Rising Latino Stars by the Hispanic Coalition of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Samantha Hernandez.