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Senate Resolution No. 1496

BY: Senator LARKIN

HONORING Etana Desir upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2017 Youth of the Year Award by the Boys & Girls Club of Newburgh on March 22, 2017

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 honor Etana Desir upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2017 Youth of the Year Award by the Boys & Girls Club of Newburgh, celebrated at an Awards Dinner on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, at Anthony's Pier 9 in New Windsor, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Boys & Girls Club's highest honor, the Youth of the Year Award, recognizes outstanding contributions to a club member's family, school, and overall 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 6th grader at Temple Hill Academy, Etana Desir joined the Boys & Girls Club of Newburgh in October of 2015; and

WHEREAS, Etana Desir serves as a Counselor in Training at the Boys & Girls Club; in this capacity, she helps younger members with their homework and assists with various classroom activities; and

WHEREAS, This dynamic young woman is also a vital member of Girls on the Run, Girl Scouts, and the "GREEN HOUSE" gardening team, where she restores the Temple Hill Greenhouse and grows fresh vegetables; in addition, she is an active participant of her church's youth ministry; and

WHEREAS, An ambitious and hard-working student, Etana Desir enjoys playing sports and helping others; after graduation, she hopes to go to college and become a teacher; and

WHEREAS, Etana Desir truly loves being a vital part of the Boys & Girls Club of Newburgh; she is well-liked by her peers and knows that her teachers are always available to listen to her concerns, help her with her problems, and encourage her happy moments and aspirations; and

WHEREAS, Through her active involvement in the community and her sincere dedication to others, Etana Desir has become an exceptional role model for others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 Etana Desir upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2017 Youth of the Year Award by the Boys & Girls Club of Newburgh on March 22, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Etana Desir.