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Senate Resolution No. 4497

BY: Senator KENNEDY

COMMENDING Confident Girl Mentoring Program, Inc.
upon the occasion of its Youth Confidence Day on
October 20, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality of life for young people in the communities across this great State of New York is enriched by the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals of distinction whose singular purpose is the care and welfare of youth; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Confident Girl Mentoring Program, Inc. upon the occasion of its Youth Confidence Day on October 20, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Founded and led by Tiffany R. Lewis, Confident Girl Mentoring Program, Inc. is a youth empowerment initiative which builds confidence in youth, teens, and young adults ages 7-19 in New York State; and

WHEREAS, Tiffany R. Lewis holds a dual degree in legal and religious studies, and has spent over 12 years working in the Buffalo community on various development programs; and

WHEREAS, The owner of Skin Deep Beauty Spa, Tiffany R. Lewis is the first African American woman in Western New York to earn a certification in Clinical Oncology Esthetics; currently, she is training to earn a certificate in Dealing with Multicultural Skin; and

WHEREAS, According to the Census Bureau, one out of every three young people do not have a trusted adult to turn to for advice; Tiffany R. Lewis established the Confident Girl Mentoring Program to serve as an advocate for today's young people, promote cultural diversity, and encourage future leaders to embrace all aspects of their social identities; and

WHEREAS, The Confident Girl Mentoring Program focuses on workshops and activities which promote self-confidence and self-worth in young women through peer mentoring, leadership training, behavioral modeling, etiquette and talent showcases; and

WHEREAS, The Confident Girl Mentoring Program also provides youth with career mentors and career exploration programs to enable them to learn about their skills and passions and to define personal career goals; works to reduce negative behaviors such as violence and crime, alcohol and substance abuse, disengagement from school and health-compromising behaviors; features successes of other women; conduct outreach and engage in inner-beauty workshops; increase the health and wellness of adolescents or transition-aged youth; and guide the youth on how to appreciate and embrace their unique beauty, inside and out; and

WHEREAS, This valuable program launched Youth Confidence Day on October 20, 2017; on this special day, the students at West Hertel Academy were treated to a special program about building both self-confidence and self-worth; and

WHEREAS, The objective of Youth Confidence Day is to encourage today's youth, who must cope with far more personal and social pressures than any other previous generation, by planting a seed of confidence and hope that may not have been planted previously; it is also a time for young people to increase confidence and awareness of their true self; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Confident Girl Mentoring Program, Inc. upon the occasion of its Youth Confidence Day on October 20, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Tiffany R. Lewis, CEO, Confident Girl Mentoring Program, Inc.