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Assembly Resolution No. 1203

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HONORING Mykenzie J. Huff upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Youth of the Year Award by the Boys & Girls Club of Western Broome

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 Mykenzie J. Huff upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Youth of the Year Award by the Boys & Girls Club of Western Broome; 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, Since she was a kindergartener, Mykenzie Jade Huff has been

a member of the Boys & Girls Club of Western Broome Family Center; through the years, this pleasant young lady has made numerous and lasting relationships with the compassionate staff members; and

WHEREAS, During a difficult time in her life, Mykenzie J. Huff knew she could always count on her many friends at the Boys & Girls Club who offered her a shoulder to cry on and a safe haven; during this time, she began volunteering her time and energy to working with the younger children at the Club, many of whom have experienced their own problems; and

WHEREAS, Mykenzie J. Huff also ran the Club's Summer Lunch Program; in this capacity, she made sure all of the young people were fed healthy meals within government regulations; and

WHEREAS, Through the School Age Child Care Program, Mykenzie J. Huff served as a gymnastics coach with some of the youngest children; she learned how to balance being a friend and the person who enforces the rules, ensuring everyone remains safe; and

WHEREAS, A superlative student, Mykenzie J. Huff is a member of the National Honor Society and has excelled in four college level courses while maintaining high honor roll status all four years of high school; she is an academic tutor and serves as a mentor for the younger students in her school; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her academic prowess, Mykenzie J. Huff is a three-sport athlete; she was a vital member of the varsity lacrosse team, held the title of Captain of her varsity volleyball team, and not only competed in gymnastics, but also served as coach; and

WHEREAS, Mykenzie J. Huff is also a participant of YES! Leads, a program which educates elementary students about the dangers of drugs and alcohol; and

WHEREAS, After graduating, Mykenzie J. Huff plans to major in pre-medical studies at the University of Albany; one day, she hopes to be a pediatrician; and

WHEREAS, Through her active involvement in the community and her sincere dedication to others, Mykenzie J. Huff 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 Mykenzie J. Huff upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Youth of the Year Award by the Boys & Girls Club of Western Broome; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mykenzie J. Huff.