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Senate Resolution No. 5308

BY: Senator COMRIE

HONORING Oluwadamilola Gbemi upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Youth of the Year Award by the Boys & Girls Club of Metro Queens

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 Oluwadamilola Gbemi upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Youth of the Year Award by the Boys & Girls Club of Metro Queens; 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, Born in Nigeria, West Africa, Oluwadamilola Gbemi has

struggled with her culture and identity; through the love and support from the staff and fellow members of the Boys & Girls Club, she realized that she was not only intelligent, beautiful and unique, but also a leader; and

WHEREAS, In the past year, Oluwadamilola Gbemi has donated 120 hours of her time and energy to community service; she has participated in various projects and events such as the Breast Cancer Walk, AIDS Walk, and the Day of Service; and

WHEREAS, Oluwadamilola Gbemi has also given numerous presentations about the dangers of drug abuse and gang violence, and how to build self-esteem to students from other after school programs; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Oluwadamilola Gbemi holds the title of President of the Boys and Girls Club's Keystone Club, a teen group dedicated to leadership planning community services, planning various events, and raising funds for the Club; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Oluwadamilola Gbemi is a vital member of both the volleyball and dance team, cosmetology, art and science class, and both the college/career and Regents prep class; and

WHEREAS, An exceptional student, Oluwadamilola Gbemi maintains a 3.67 GPA and is on track for earning an Advanced Regents Diploma with honors; she has received certificates for perfect attendance as well as honor roll; in the fall of her junior year, she will be taking AP classes and a college class at Queens College; and

WHEREAS, After graduating, Oluwadamilola Gbemi plans to study law, hospitality management or human development at an Ivy League University, preferably Harvard or Princeton; and

WHEREAS, Through her active involvement in the community and her sincere dedication to others, Oluwadamilola Gbemi 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 Oluwadamilola Gbemi upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Youth of the Year Award by the Boys & Girls Club of Metro Queens; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Oluwadamilola Gbemi.