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Senate Resolution No. 5660

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Diante Thomas upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2018 Youth of the Year Award by the Boys & Girls Club of Albany

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 Diante Thomas upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2018 Youth of the Year Award by the Boys & Girls Club of Albany; 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, During a difficult time in his life, Diante Thomas became a member of the Boys & Girls Club of Albany, where he improved his grades and his school attendance with the help of the caring staff; and

WHEREAS, Diante Thomas took the initiative to apply for employment with the Club and will start working in the summer at its Lawson's Lake Camp; and

WHEREAS, Ever since he was a young boy, Diante Thomas has dreamed of playing college basketball; he served as captain of the Club's basketball team and took his role very seriously; he has continuously motivated his teammates to succeed and rooted for them when they were struggling; and

WHEREAS, Diante Thomas continues to work on raising his grades through tutoring and hopes to attend Davidson College where he would like to play basketball and major in physical education with the goal of becoming a basketball coach; and

WHEREAS, Diante Thomas truly understands that having a healthy lifestyle is his key to success in both the classroom and on the basketball court; and

WHEREAS, Since the first day he walked through the doors of the Albany Boys & Girls Club, Diante Thomas has thought about ways to better represent himself and his Club; through this vital organization, he has realized "Nothing is truly definite until it's definite"; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, Diante Thomas now stands honorably, with just pride in his accomplishments and in eager anticipation of future challenges,

understanding and appreciating the caring counsel and support provided by his teachers, coaches and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 Diante Thomas upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2018 Youth of the Year Award by the Albany Boys & Girls Club; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Diante Thomas.