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Senate Resolution No. 439

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING Resilient Young Minds, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its Annual I'm So Resilient Gala on February 25, 2023

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those illustrious organizations of the State of New York who have made stellar efforts on behalf of young people and their futures; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Resilient Young Minds, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its Annual I'm So Resilient Gala, A Purple Carpet Affair, to be celebrated on Saturday, February 25, 2023, at Phaze 2 in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Resilient Young Minds, Inc. (RYM) is a non-profit organization in Brooklyn, New York, which aims to teach at-risk youth ages 10-17, their parents, and young adults how to fight trauma with resilience on personal, professional, and social levels; and

WHEREAS, Offering customized resilience retreats or camps, Resilient Young Minds, Inc. exposes participants to a new environment and provides access to long term mentorship or coaching; and

WHEREAS, The funds raised at the Annual Gala directly supports RYM's Youth Summer Resilience Sleepaway camp; and

WHEREAS, Awards are given based on RYM's three levels of resilience: personal, professional, and social; additionally, the participants are celebrated from the previous year who have completed at least one of the camps or volunteered, and they are honored for the amazing work they have done to identify trauma and apply resilience coping skills to access their healing; and

WHEREAS, There will be an "I'm So Resilient Leader Impact Award" presented to a community leader who promotes or advocates for mental health in their communities, and also a career scholarship will be provided to high school seniors or a parent who would like to create generational wealth for their family through starting a business; and

WHEREAS, Resilience Camp, formally known as YES Academy, is the primary youth program of RYM, and the program selects 10-30 at-risk youth, ages 10-17, who have experienced a traumatic event from a pool of applicants; and

WHEREAS, The one-week sleepaway camp, Resilience Camp, teaches social-emotional learning, resilience, and self-esteem building workshops that challenge participants to identify their trauma, in healthy ways, and access healing; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of Resilience Camp is to remove at-risk youth from their usual environment into one that is peaceful, safe, and will empower youth to face their internal conflicts, begin the process to overcome them, and convert their trauma into a motivational tool to achieve their professional goals; and

WHEREAS, All youth participants in the sleepaway camp will be provided a mentor to serve as their personal resilience coach for the

duration of the experience, and many mentors stay in contact with their mentee after the camp is over to remain a positive influence on them; and

WHEREAS, This vital organization is truly committed to igniting the potential of its youth, positioning them for long term success as leaders in the community; and

WHEREAS, The success of Resilient Young Minds, Inc. is in direct correlation to the efforts of its dedicated staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Resilient Young Minds, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Resilient Young Minds, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its Annual I'm So Resilient Gala, A Purple Carpet Affair, on February 25, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Resilient Young Minds, Inc.