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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Sebastian Zarate upon the occasion of being named the 2012 Youth of the Year by the Variety Boys & Girls Club of Queens

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 Sebastian Zarate upon the occasion of being named the 2012 Youth of the Year by the Variety Boys & Girls Club of Queens; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious award is the highest honor a Boys & Girls Club member can receive; it recognizes outstanding contributions to family, school, community and to the Boys & Girls Club; and

WHEREAS, Sebastian Zarate is a strong young man who has been able to excel and prosper regardless of any obstacles he has encountered in his life; through all, he has managed to remain a hardworking student, concerned with his own education and the education of his fellow classmates; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to the Variety Boys and Girls Club, Sebastian Zarate is a member of the Keystone Club, a teen group dedicated to leadership and community service; and

WHEREAS, Sebastian Zarate is also a member of Career Launch, a career exploration and mentoring program; and

WHEREAS, Attributable to Sebastian Zarate's unique maturity and distinctive leadership abilities, he is often asked to head Career Launch meetings when necessary; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, this remarkable young man dedicates his Saturdays to helping out at the Club, leads the JROTC battalion, and volunteers at the Sunnyside/Woodside Unit; and

WHEREAS, Imbued with a sense of civic responsibility, Sebastian Zarate enrolled in a committee to help keep his school, Long Island City High School, from closing; and

WHEREAS, Sebastian Zarate eventually became the chairperson for this committee, where he gathered students, teachers and parents and educated them on the current situation; he expressed the need for immediate action, in order to keep himself and his fellow classmates in school and on a successful academic path; and

WHEREAS, In college, Sebastian Zarate looks forward to studying Criminal Justice, which he hopes will lead him to the career path of a detective in the police force, a fireman, or a member of the FBI/CIA; and

WHEREAS, Sebastian Zarate also dreams of joining a branch of the United States military, to continue with his already present JROTC training; 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 Sebastian Zarate upon the occasion of being named the 2012 Youth of the Year by the Variety Boys & Girls Club of Queens; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sebastian Zarate.