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Senate Resolution No. 896

BY: Senator THOMAS

HONORING the Youth Change Leader Collaborative at Baldwin High School upon receiving an Honorable Mention in the Invent2Prevent National Competition

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend and pay tribute to those young people who, by achieving outstanding success in educational competition, have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Youth Change Leader Collaborative at Baldwin High School upon receiving an Honorable Mention in the Invent2Prevent National Competition; and

WHEREAS, The Youth Change Leader Collaborative at Baldwin High School was founded in September of 2022 by a group of over 30 high school students who aspire to be civic leaders; their organization tackles and creates action plans on civic issues in their community; and

WHEREAS, This year, they participated in "Invent2Prevent," a national competition which aims to empower schools and students by challenging them to create and implement products, tools, and initiatives to target issues in their communities; since Invent2Prevent's inception in Spring 2021, more than 700 students have participated in teams competing at the high school and collegiate levels for awards of \$5,000 for first place; \$3,000 for second place; and \$1,000 for third place; top place collegiate-level finishers also have the option to enter into a one-year sustainment program; and

WHEREAS, Sophomore, junior, and senior students from the Youth Change Leader Collaborative at Baldwin High School, researched and gathered data on five global issues: gun violence prevention, climate justice, immigration reform, health equity, documentation and journalism; they then created a civic action plan relating to these areas of interest; and

WHEREAS, The students were required to participate in frequent video calls with "Invent2Prevent" staff, and then elected to develop curriculum based on a project, which focused on reducing gun and interpersonal violence, while also producing a 30-page curriculum report, a video about their project, as well as a 10-page research paper; and

WHEREAS, Working with professionals in related areas of study, the students collaborated with mentors from Amazon, Northwell Health, and the Nassau County Bar Association, learning an abundance of information which poised them for their placing in the top five, beating out dozens of participating advocacy groups, colleges and universities, and high schools; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to honor the Youth Change Leader Collaborative at Baldwin High School, a body of outstanding

scholars, recognizing the value of their labors and the promise of a bright future because of them; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Youth Change Leader Collaborative at Baldwin High School upon receiving an Honorable Mention in the Invent2Prevent National Competition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Youth Change Leader Collaborative at Baldwin High School.