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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Kathleen Usiak upon the occasion of her nomination for the 2011 Youth of the Year Award by the Boys and Girls Club

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and pay tribute to those young people who, by achieving outstanding success in their community have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Kathleen Usiak upon the occasion of her nomination for the 2011 Youth of the Year Award by the Boys and Girls Club; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Usiak is an extraordinary 17 year-old young woman recognized by the Boys and Girls Club of the Northtowns for her sound character, leadership skills and willingness to give back to the community; and

WHEREAS, The Youth of the Year program recognizes outstanding contributions to a member's family, school, community and the Boys and Girls Club, as well as overcoming personal challenges and obstacles; and WHEREAS, The Youth of the Year program of the Boys and Girls Club encourages members to reach their full potential by achieving academic success, leading healthy lifestyles and contributing to their communities; and

WHEREAS, A seven-year member of the All Saints Baker Boys and Girls Club, Kathleen Usiak has participated in programs such as Smart Girls, Youth Power, and the Dance Team; today, she is a teacher of Youth Power for preteens, and runs the Dance Program where she has successfully recruited more teen volunteers to help make this program more successful; and

WHEREAS, In school, Kathleen Usiak is a member of the debate team, Latin dance team, poetry slam and book club; moreover, she volunteers much of her time at the library, helping clean up, check in books, or assist people with research; and

WHEREAS, Active in her community, Kathleen Usiak is heading a community spring clean-up with the Torch Club, where the club members will go around the community and clean up all the garbage off the streets, helping to beautify their neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Usiak has earned the respect and admiration of her classmates, teachers, fellow Boys and Girls Club members, family and friends; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be 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 Kathleen Usiak upon the occasion of her nomination for the 2011 Youth of the Year Award by the Boys and Girls Club; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kathleen Usiak.