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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Calena Rodriguez upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Youth of the Year Award at the Regional Level by the Albany Boys & Girls Club

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 Calena Rodriguez upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Youth of the Year Award at the Regional Level by the Albany Boys & Girls Club to be celebrated on Tuesday, May 19, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The Boys & Girls Club's highest honor, the Youth of the Year Award, recognizes a community member whose outstanding contributions to their 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, A member of the Boys & Girls Club of Albany for 10 years, Calena Rodriguez has participated in the club's Power Hour which helps her to succeed academically, and in the Rising Stars program where she receives piano lessons from a college mentor; and

WHEREAS, Calena Rodriguez has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed young woman has been highly involved in giving back to her community; she has baked cookies to raise money to benefit the local food pantry, and frequently participates in community service projects as a member of the Torch Club; and

WHEREAS, An excellent role model for her two younger sisters, Calena Rodriguez was on the Honor Roll throughout middle school, and in high school, she made the Principal's List; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Calena Rodriguez maintains a healthy lifestyle, and has participated in athletics since the age of five; she has been a member of her middle school's modified soccer team and lacrosse team; currently, she enjoys playing lacrosse as a member of her high school's Junior Varsity team; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Calena Rodriguez is a two-time winner of the Sportsmanship Award for her outstanding service to the community by participating in fundraisers to support a local food pantry; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, this Boys & Girls Club member now stands honorably, with just pride in her accomplishments and in eager anticipation of future challenges, understanding and appreciating the caring counsel and support provided by her 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 Calena Rodriguez upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Youth of the Year Award at the Regional Level by the Albany Boys & Girls Club; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Calena Rodriguez.