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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Gabrielle Rodriguez upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 Youth of the Year Award by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Albany

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 Gabrielle Rodriguez upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 Youth of the Year Award by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Albany; and

WHEREAS, The Boys & Girls Club's highest honor, the Youth of the Year Award, recognizes exceptional young men and women for their outstanding contributions to the 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 11 years, Gabrielle Rodriguez has participated in the club's College Corner Program, Jr. Staff Program and Tutoring Program which has enabled her to utilize college access opportunities, access homework assistance and receive job readiness training; and

WHEREAS, Gabrielle 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, During her time as a teen member, Gabrielle Rodriguez has spent numerous afternoons volunteering her time to mentor and assist

younger members with homework help and school projects; she has also taken an active role in the Boys and Girl Club's annual Global Youth Service Day and volunteers at various community organizations throughout the City of Albany; and

WHEREAS, An outstanding scholar, Gabrielle Rodriguez is an AP Honor Student and has achieved high marks in all of her subject areas while receiving numerous accolades for her academic success in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this esteemed young woman continually makes the honor roll each quarter and has also received an award for the Black History Creative Expression Contest; and

WHEREAS, Committed to maintaining a healthy lifestyle, Gabrielle Rodriguez has participated in soccer and little league baseball since the age of five, and has played on her school's modified soccer and softball teams; she also enjoys cooking healthy meals and taking long walks and bike rides with her family and friends; 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 Gabrielle Rodriguez upon the occasion of her designation as recip-

ient of the 2016 Youth of the Year Award by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Albany; and be it further

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