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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Wanya Denzel Bruce upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Youth of the Year Award by the Boys & Girls Club of Rochester

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 Wanya Denzel Bruce upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Youth of the Year Award by the Boys & Girls Club of Rochester, to be celebrated on Tuesday, May 24, 2016; 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 Rochester for 12 years, Wanya Denzel Bruce is often called upon to speak to fellow Club members, funding sources and visitors who frequent the Boys & Girls Club; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Wanya Denzel Bruce has worked at the Club as a junior counselor teaching younger kids how to have fun as a Club member, and has volunteered more than 200 hours of community service to the after-school tutoring program at the Boys & Girls Club of Rochester; and

WHEREAS, Wanya Denzel Bruce has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, An outstanding scholar, Wanya Denzel Bruce earned the Principal's Award for outstanding achievement, strong leadership, and citizenship at Fairport High School; he is also the recipient of the Black Scholar's Award, which is endowed to African-American youth who hold a 3.0 GPA or higher in the City of Rochester; and

WHEREAS, Wanya Denzel Bruce's unparalleled athleticism led him to create his own personal brand for Boys & Girls Clubs and communities across the nation called Physically Fit Lifestyles; he is very committed to clean eating and exercise, and believes those are the core elements to living a long and well-sustained life; and

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

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Wanya Denzel Bruce.