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Senate Resolution No. 671

BY: Senator DILAN

COMMENDING Fawaz Odesanya upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Next Generation Community Leader Award by the Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation

WHEREAS, Service to community and country is the foundation of our society, and the contributions and future efforts of those in service to them are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of our communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Fawaz Odesanya upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Next Generation Community Leader Award by the Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation to be observed at its Annual Celebration of Community Progress event on Thursday, February 16, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Fawaz Odesanya has been a participant in Future of Tomorrow for two years and has been instrumental in bringing a restorative and positive school culture to the Franklin K. Lane campus and a part of the Urban Youth Collaborative Campaign to influence school policy throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, Over the past two years, Fawaz Odesanya has facilitated Future of Tomorrow meetings, spoke on a panel for National Public

Education Support Fund, and met with principals to discuss the importance and student perspective on restorative practices; and

WHEREAS, Adapting and learning about restorative practices, Fawaz Odesanya recruited his peers to participate in Future of Tomorrow, supported by participants; and

WHEREAS, Due to the advocacy and persistence of Fawaz Odesanya, and fellow Future of Tomorrow members, an official advisory class in the Academy for Innovative Technology High School at the Franklin K. Lane campus has been created to train young people in peer mediation and restorative practices; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Fawaz Odesanya upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Next Generation Community Leader Award by the Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Fawaz Odesanya.