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Senate Resolution No. 458

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Bryanna Jenkins upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the PASEsetter Award by the Partnership for After School Education on February 28, 2023

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Bryanna Jenkins upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the PASEsetter Award by the Partnership for After School Education at its 30th Anniversary PASEsetter Awards Benefit on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at Cipriani, New York, New York; and

WHEREAS, Bryanna Jenkins is receiving this prestigious award for her role as an afterschool educator whose commitment, energy and creativity has had an indelible impact on the children and youth of New York City; and

WHEREAS, PASE is a child-focused organization that promotes and supports quality afterschool programs, particularly those serving young

people from underserved communities; Bryanna Jenkins truly exemplifies this vital organization's mission of delivering consistent, high-quality programming to youth and increases their capacity to meet the needs of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Bryanna Jenkins grew up in a large family in the Bronx, New York, where she was inspired by supportive educators to become a teacher and role model for each and every student she encountered; and

WHEREAS, At the age of 19, Bryanna Jenkins started her career with BronxWorks as a member of the Summer Youth Employment Program; appreciated for her gentle and compassionate way with the children, she was invited to become a permanent youth counselor for the afterschool program; and

WHEREAS, Bryanna Jenkins was placed with the kindergarten and first grade students at BronxWorks, and from day one, she strived to make each and every child feel loved and special; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the last six years of her employment with BronxWorks, Bryanna Jenkins has become a confident leader in the classroom and often steps up to help new counselors when they join the staff; and

WHEREAS, Staff members often look to Bryanna Jenkins for advice on navigating difficult situations that arise in their classrooms because they know she is open and honest about her successes and struggles and has the experience and knowledge to make them a better educator; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, Bryanna Jenkins has truly made a difference in the lives of numerous students, helping them to be the

very best they can be; and

WHEREAS, Bryanna Jenkins is currently majoring in sociology at Lehman College, and after graduating, she hopes to become a school guidance counselor and continue in her mission to support students with careful attention, kindness, and compassion; 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 celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Bryanna Jenkins upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the PASEsetter Award by the Partnership for After School Education; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bryanna Jenkins.