

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Jonathan Ray upon the occasion of being named the Geneva Boys & Girls Club 2013 Youth of the Year

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 Jonathan Ray upon the occasion of being named the Geneva Boys & Girls Club 2013 Youth of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Being named Youth of the Year is the highest honor a Boys & Girls Club member can receive; the nomination recognizes outstanding contributions to a member's family, school, community and Boys & Girls Club, as well as overcoming personal challenges and obstacles; the honorees are shining examples and living proof that great futures start at Boys & Girls Clubs; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Ray has been a wonderful member of the Boys & Girls Club in Geneva for approximately four years; having to overcome several obstacles, he has truly emerged as a very positive and admirable asset to the Club; and

WHEREAS, Since becoming a member, Jonathan Ray has volunteered for events such as the Musselman, a local tri-athletic competition, and has tutored club members; he is always willing to step in and help out with other activities such as Triple Play initiative, a club curriculum to develop mind, body and soul, and Passport to Manhood, a club group to help young men learn life skills; and

WHEREAS, When he is not at the Club, Jonathan Ray helps out his family and friends by babysitting, tutoring and mentoring; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Ray is a ninth grade student at Geneva High School; an excellent student, he maintains an average grade of about 91.5 while taking three pre-AP classes and two advanced classes in both mathematics and science; athletically, he is involved in football and lacrosse, and basketball on occasion; upon graduating, he plans to attend college and become a teacher; 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 Jonathan Ray upon the occasion of being named the Geneva Boys & Girls Club 2013 Youth of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jonathan Ray.