

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Isaiah Moore upon the occasion of being named the Mount Vernon 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 Isaiah Moore upon the occasion of being named the Mount Vernon Boys & Girls Club 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, Isaiah Moore has been a member of the Boys & Girls Club of Mount Vernon for 11 years, joining when he was just six years-old; and

WHEREAS, Born with Spina Bifida, Isaiah Moore is paralyzed from the legs down and is in a wheelchair; he was not sure the Club would or could meet his needs; and

WHEREAS, For the past 11 years, Isaiah Moore has overcome his obstacles and has become a valuable member of the Club; he attends the Club daily upon leaving school, and is a participant in many of its programs, including: Passport to Manhood, a prevention program for pre-teen and teen boys; Social Recreation Game room activities which promotes sportsmanship; Power Hour, a homework assistance program; Project Learn, an educational philosophy; Smart Moves, a prevention program for pre-teens; and Triple Play, a fitness program which emphasizes mind, body and soul; and

WHEREAS, After ensuring his own homework is finished, he sits at the front desk and welcomes all of the youth as they visit the Club; Isaiah helps the young children do their homework and then helps to work with the youth in the gym during all of the activities; and

WHEREAS, As he has gotten older, Isaiah Moore has taken on a leadership role; he has volunteered at the Club for more than 1,200 hours in each of the past two years, and is currently the head coach and mentor of the under 13 basketball team; and

WHEREAS, In addition to providing service to the Club, Isaiah Moore also serves his community in many ways; during the holidays, he helps feed senior citizens through a program run by his church, Emmanuel Pentecostal Faith Temple; and

WHEREAS, Isaiah Moore also videotapes the church services and volunteers with the Mount Vernon High School Varsity Girls Basketball Team where he videotapes all the games for the coaching staff; furthermore, he videotaped a Historically Black College Fair held at the Club; and

WHEREAS, Isaiah Moore is currently a senior at Nellie A. Thornton High School; in the fall, he will be attending the University of Missouri, and will be a member of its Wheelchair Basketball Team; 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 Isaiah Moore upon the occasion of being named the Mount Vernon Boys & Girls Club 2013 Youth of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Isaiah Moore.