

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Harneet Gulati upon the occasion of being named the Hicksville 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 Harneet Gulati upon the occasion of being named the Hicksville 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, For the past three years, Harneet Gulati has been an active member of the Hicksville Boys & Girls Club; as a Sikh individual born in the United States, she was once a quiet and diffident girl until she found the positive environment at the Club where no one judged anyone on outer appearances but only on the person within; and

WHEREAS, As an active member and volunteer at the Hicksville Boys & Girls Club, Harneet Gulati joined the Tutoring Program in early March of her sophomore year in high school; she has served a total of 618 hours of community service; and

WHEREAS, In addition to tutoring young people in mathematics, English and science every week, Harneet Gulati is President of the Hicksville Boys & Girls Club Torch Club; torch clubs help members attain leadership qualities by providing service to not only their club but also their community; and

WHEREAS, Harneet Gulati began her Torch Club service in 2011 as Secretary, and was elected President of the Club in 2012; her volunteerism with the Club included multiple Walks and Fundraisers, including a car wash for the A.M.T. Children of Hope Foundation that helps abandoned babies find their safe haven; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her service at the Hicksville Boys & Girls Club, Harneet Gulati participated in community service efforts held by the Kiwanis Education Youth Club; she joined Key Club in her freshman year of high school and was voted as Key Club Secretary in her sophomore year; as a junior, she was elected Key Club Vice President; and

WHEREAS, As Vice President of Key Club, Harneet Gulati works with the members of the Kiwanis organization to provide service with the goal of helping others; the Hicksville Key Club has participated at many events, including the Pancake Breakfast, Three Kings Night, Pasta Night, and the Luck of the Irish Drawings, as well as the Christmas in July Food Drive, the Breast Cancer Walk, Thanksgiving Wrapping Party, and the Annual Wellness Fair at Hicksville High School; and

WHEREAS, As a freshman in high school, Harneet Gulati was elected President of the Class of 2013; she soon became eligible to become a member of the National Honor Society as well as the Math Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, The highlight of Harneet Gulati's high school career has been the Poetry Out Loud Competition; she was a finalist at the school-wide competition and became a Regional Finalist; and

WHEREAS, Harneet Gulati is acknowledged as a scholar for ranking in the top twenty percent of her high school class; in addition, she has been involved in several clubs at school, including the Helping Hands

Club; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduation from high school, Harneet Gulati intends to major in health related fields in college and dedicate her time to improving the quality of other people's lives; she aspires to becoming a physical therapist and obtaining a doctorate in physiotherapy; 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 Harneet Gulati upon the occasion of being named the Hicksville Boys & Girls Club 2013 Youth of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Harneet Gulati.