

BY: Senator LARKIN

HONORING Elimar Perez Ramos upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2017 Youth of the Year Award by the Boys & Girls Club of Newburgh on March 22, 2017

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 Elimar Perez Ramos upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2017 Youth of the Year Award by the Boys & Girls Club of Newburgh, celebrated at an Awards Dinner on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, at Anthony's Pier 9 in New Windsor, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Boys & Girls Club's highest honor, the Youth of the Year Award, recognizes outstanding contributions to a club member's family, school, and overall community, as well as their perseverance in overcoming personal challenges and obstacles; these honorees are shining examples and living proof that great futures start at Boys & Girls Clubs; and

WHEREAS, Elimar Perez Ramos was born in Puerto Rico, and moved to the United States with her family at the young age of nine; for the last three years, she has been a vital member of the Boys & Girls Club of Newburgh; she truly believes that if you are willing to step out of your comfort zone, you can achieve anything; and

WHEREAS, Elimar Perez Ramos describes herself as fun, silly, smart, caring and a very friendly person; during her free time, she helps her community by walking in the Habitat Walk of Humanity and volunteering at the local soup kitchen; and

WHEREAS, An ambitious and hard-working senior at the Newburgh Free Academy, Elimar Perez Ramos is an enthusiastic member of the Air Force Junior ROTC program; after graduation, she plans to attend college in New York City and pursue a career in photography and business; she hopes to travel the world and experience different cultures; and

WHEREAS, When Elimar Perez Ramos is not in school or helping her community, she works at Office Depot, loves to sing in her church choir, and plays both baseball and basketball with her friends and family; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable young woman is grateful for the opportunities that the Boys & Girls Club of Newburgh have given her; it has greatly contributed to her academic, personal, and leadership development; and

WHEREAS, The Boys & Girls Club of Newburgh changed her life by providing her with her first job in their summer camp, driving her to become more mature and responsible, and taught her how to manage money; and

WHEREAS, Through her active involvement in the community and her sincere dedication to others, Elimar Perez Ramos has become an exceptional role model for others; 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 Elimar Perez Ramos upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2017 Youth of the Year Award by the Boys & Girls Club of Newburgh on March 22, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Elimar Perez Ramos.