

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

HONORING Raghav Khurana upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2017 Youth of the Year Award by the Hicksville Boys & Girls Club

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 Raghav Khurana upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2017 Youth of the Year Award by the Hicksville Boys & Girls Club; 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, A senior at Hicksville High School, Raghav Khurana joined the Hicksville Boys & Girls Club in 2011; through the Club, he has gained a much needed sense of comfort and security; by interacting with new people in a positive environment, he was able to open up to others, build confidence, and form valued friendships; and

WHEREAS, Raghav Khurana has truly learned the value of helping others; at the Hicksville Boys & Girls Club he is always available to lend a helping hand, from tutoring younger students, to the Triple Play Program, the Peer Counseling Program, and the open recreational lounge; and

WHEREAS, As Director of the Triple Play Program, Raghav Khurana proved to be an outstanding role model among his peers by providing them with a full-filled experience of various sports activities; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Raghav Khurana has been instrumental in the success of several fundraisers and community-based events including yearly food drives, National Kids Day, and the Open Gym Program; and

WHEREAS, Realizing the importance of a good education, Raghav Khurana was a faithful participant of the Power Hour, a program dedicated to allocating an organized schedule to focus on school work; and

WHEREAS, When he is not at school or the Club, Raghav Khurana enjoys sports and maintaining his health through exercise and good eating habits; he is an avid football fan and talented player for his high school football team; he also serves as a referee at the Under Armour

Flag Football Little League; and

WHEREAS, After graduation, Raghav Khurana plans to study computer science at Nassau County Community College; one day he hopes to have a successful career in business and finance; and

WHEREAS, Raghav Khurana loves being a vital part of the Boys & Girls Club of Hicksville; he is well-liked by his peers and knows that his teachers are always available to listen to his concerns, help him with his problems, and encourage his happy moments and aspirations; and

WHEREAS, Through his active involvement in the community and his sincere dedication to others, Raghav Khurana has become an exceptional role model for others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 Raghav Khurana upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2017 Youth of the Year Award by the Hicksville Boys & Girls Club; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Raghav Khurana.