

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Diamond Owens upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Youth of the Year Award by the Troy 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 Diamond Owens upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Youth of the Year Award by the Troy 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, After a difficult time in her life, Diamond Owens became a member of the Troy Boys & Girls Club, where she has learned that she is valuable and strong, and when things get tough, to persevere and stand up for herself; and

WHEREAS, Diamond Owens is an active participant of The Block Center, a program which helps to build good character through values such as commitment, honor, action, respect, credibility, trust, empowerment and resilience; she assists the younger members as a junior mentor and helps organize meals; and

WHEREAS, Last year, Diamond Owens volunteered her time and energy serving food, cleaning up and engaging young people at Unity in the Community, a picnic series geared toward stopping violence in the City of Troy; and

WHEREAS, Diamond Owens is a student at Vanderhyden School where she has earned a 90% GPA; in September of 2018, she will transfer to Troy High School, where she looks forward to learning; and

WHEREAS, Diamond Owens maintains a healthy lifestyle by eating wholesome snacks, and dancing; she is usually one of the first girls to get up and assist with stretching before the class begins to work out; and

WHEREAS, Since the first day she walked through the doors of the Troy Boys & Girls Club, Diamond Owens has thought about ways to better represent herself and her Club; through this vital organization, she has learned and lived; each and every day, she strives to make an impact;

and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, Diamond Owens now stands honorably, with just pride in her accomplishments and in eager anticipation of future challenges, understanding and appreciating the caring counsel and support provided by her teachers, coaches and loved ones; 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 Diamond Owens upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Youth of the Year Award by the Troy Boys & Girls Club; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Diamond Owens.