

BY: Senator RANZENHOFER

COMMENDING Raheema Muhammad upon the occasion of being named a New York State Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs 2019 Youth of the Year Finalist

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 commend Raheema Muhammad upon the occasion of being named a New York State Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs 2019 Youth of the Year Finalist, to be observed at its Celebration Dinner on Monday, May 20, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Since 1947, Youth of the Year has been Boys & Girls Clubs of America's premier recognition program, celebrating the extraordinary achievements of Club teenagers; members who earn the Youth of the Year title embody the values of leadership service, academic excellence, and healthy lifestyles, truly exemplifying the critical impact this vital organization has made on the lives of young people; and

WHEREAS, Raheema Muhammad is an active member of the Boys and Girls Club of Rochester, where she has grown into a rising leader and has participated in its Keystone, Smart Girls, Power Hour and Culinary programs; and

WHEREAS, An international leader who has gone to Costa Rica to build homes for under privileged families, Raheema Muhammad also teaches swimming classes and created a vegan cookie line to promote healthy living and help combat childhood diabetes; and

WHEREAS, Academically, Raheema Muhammad works hard to maintain her 3.5 GPA, and has taken advanced placement courses to enhance her academic profile for college; she plans to attend George Washington University in the Fall; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, Raheema Muhammad 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 commend Raheema Muhammad upon the occasion of being named a New York

State Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs 2019 Youth of the Year Finalist;
and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be
transmitted to Raheema Muhammad.