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Whereas, The five boroughs are enormously proud of their reputation as a home for scientific innovation and to fortify this legacy it is vital that we come together and invest in opportunities for the next generation of chemists, physicists, programmers, visionaries, and more. Established by Science and Arts Engagement in New York (SAENY) and the City College of New York (CCNY) the Harlem Gallery of Science (HGS) has been a pioneer in this effort. Today it launches a new exhibition *Video Games The Great Connector*.

Whereas, HGS is committed to paving new pathways in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM) education for Black and LatinX middle and high school-aged students crucial to this approach are the tenants of equity, holistic youth development, and student-driven learning. That is why it developed its Dream + Inspire mentoring program, which connects participants to college students from the National Society of Black Physicists. This invaluable opportunity has given our youth the opportunity to embrace their ambitions and learn about the working world while also providing advisors the chance to share their knowledge and collaborate with up-and-coming leaders. It also helps build professional networks and allows participants to see individuals who look like them as they thrive in their field. Over the years, HGS has organized various exhibitions such as *Dunk! the Science of Basketball* and *The Science of Music: from Jazz to Hip Hop* which catered to students interests while promoting discovery and interactive engagement.

Whereas, This organization builds upon its legacy of great work through the latest showcase regarding the power and potential of playing and producing video games, which will promote the many ways this industry requires teamwork, complex problem solving, critical thinking, and communication skills., New York will lead the way in this exciting new sector and that is why my administration invested \$2,000,000 in CCNY's new gaming pathways program, which enables students to obtain a degree in digital gaming design. Today I am pleased to commend HGS and all those involved with their many contributions to this effort.

Now therefore, I, Eric Adams, Mayor of the City of New York, on Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, do hereby confer this citation on

The Harlem Gallery of Science