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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Maynard Bland upon the occasion of being named Student of the Year by the New York Association for Continuing/Community Education, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take notice of and publicly acknowledge individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary pursuit of education as adults; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Maynard Bland upon the occasion of being named Student of the Year by the New York Association for Continuing/Community Education, Inc., at its 28th Annual Student Awards and Legislative Event on March 8-9, 2011, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Maynard Bland has faced many obstacles and challenges in his life that have hindered his pursuit of an education, including a home life that exposed him to a world of alcoholism, abuse and poverty; and

WHEREAS, Growing up under very difficult circumstances in his youth, ultimately led Maynard Bland to drop out of school in the 9th grade; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his early life, Maynard Bland had many struggles which reaffirmed his belief that it was critical he obtained his GED; and

WHEREAS, After paying his debt to society after problems with the law, Maynard Bland committed himself to making life changes that would provide him with the best possible opportunity to succeed; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his struggles and schooling, Maynard's wife, Kristin's unconditional support, encouragement and desire to see him succeed, has helped in keeping him on the right path; and

WHEREAS, In May of 2010 at the age of 40, Maynard Bland reached his goal of passing his GED final exam; and

WHEREAS, Recently, Maynard Bland completed welding classes at the Lee Peters Career Training Center; and

WHEREAS, Maynard Bland's enthusiasm and enjoyment of learning have helped him reach his goals, and his positive attitude has helped others stay focused on their learning; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his educational objectives, Maynard Bland is committed to making a difference in the lives of others, and works to help others sharing his life story with young people in the hope of encouraging them not to follow along the same path that he did; and

WHEREAS, A talented and driven young man, Maynard Bland has demonstrated integrity and honor while using Adult Education programming to change the course of his entire future; and

WHEREAS, Maynard Bland may now stand with just pride in assessing his achievements, experiencing the satisfaction of his labors and the joy of his accomplishments, eager to face the challenge of new ventures; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Maynard Bland upon the occasion of being named Student of the Year by the New York Association of Continuing/Community Education; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Maynard Bland.