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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Funlayo Easter Wood upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Board of the Orisa Community Development Corporation

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Funlayo Easter Wood upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Board of the Orisa Community Development Corporation on Saturday, December 7, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Funlayo Easter Wood, a doctoral student in African and African American Studies at Harvard University, a founding director of the African and Diasporic Religious Studies Association, creator of Orisa-Focal Meditation and the blog Ase Ire, priest of Obatala and board director of the Orisa Community Development Corporation is being honored by her community on December 7, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Funlayo Easter Wood has been selected by the Board of the Orisa Community Development Corporation and members of the Orisa Community to receive the Sango Gunmi Ose of Leadership, which also formally designates her as an Orisa Community Chief in Waiting; and

WHEREAS, Funlayo Easter Wood is truly deserving of praise and commendation for making personal sacrifices, and demonstrating exceptional leadership, determination and spirit of service to Orisa and the Orisa Community; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Funlayo Easter Wood's leadership and

service has been most evident as she is an outstanding leader within the Orisa Community Development Corporation (CDC); in addition, she has led three Empowerment Retreats and humanitarian missions to Yorubaland, Nigeria, developed social media and IT infrastructure for the Orisa CDC, structured and established the Orisa CDC's membership platform and has unwaveringly helped lead the Orisa CDC for four years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Funlayo Easter Wood upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Board of the Orisa Community Development Corporation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Funlayo Easter Wood.