

## 2013-J3790

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Eagle Academy for Young Men of Southeast Queens upon the occasion of hosting a screening of American Promise, on March 1, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those organizations of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishment clearly demonstrate an enduring pursuit of excellence in the education of the youth of the Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Eagle Academy for Young Men of Southeast Queens upon the occasion of hosting a screening of the film, AMERICAN PROMISE, on Saturday, March 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The Eagle Academy Foundation empowers at-risk inner city young men to become academic achievers, engaged citizens, and responsible men by providing quality education resources and proven effective community-based initiatives to address the shortfalls in public education to effectively educate them; and

WHEREAS, The Eagle Academy Foundation develops and supports a network of all male, grades 6 through 12, college-preparatory schools in challenged, urban communities that educate and mentor young men into future leaders committed to excellence in character, scholastic achievement and community service, and to promote these principles nationally; and

WHEREAS, Eagle Academy for Young Men of Southeast Queens opened in September 2010 with approximately 85 sixth grade students, and plans to add each year until it becomes a full academy in Fall 2016; the school maintained a 95.6% attendance rate in the 2010-2011 school year, and received more than 1500 applications for 84 sixth grade slots in Septem-

ber 2011; and

WHEREAS, Today Eagle Academy for Young Men of Southeast Queens has approximately 250 students in grades six through nine; and

WHEREAS, AMERICAN PROMISE is a documentary that follows the 12-year journey of two African-American families pursuing the promise of opportunity through the education of their sons; the film took 13 years to make, and seeks to empower boys, their parents, caregivers, and educators to help close the Black male achievement gap; and

WHEREAS, In showing AMERICAN PROMISE, Eagle Academy for Young Men of Southeast Queens demonstrates its deep commitment to not only educating the young men in its charge, but engaging the entire community in important conversations about our education system, our children, and our society; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize Eagle Academy for Young Men of Southeast Queens, noting the importance of its work and its worthy commitment to the youth of New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Eagle Academy for Young Men of Southeast Queens upon the occasion of hosting a screening of American Promise; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Eagle Academy for Young Men of Southeast Queens.