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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Al-Tabari Shrine Temple No. 121 upon the occasion of hosting its 46th Annual Potentate Charity Ball, and honoring El-Wise Noisette on being named Illustrious Potentate

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Al-Tabari Shrine Temple No. 121 upon the occasion of hosting its 46th Annual Potentate Charity Ball to be held March 21-23, 2014, at the Holiday Inn, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, In addition to this celebrated event, Al-Tabari Shrine Temple No. 121 will be paying special tribute to El-Wise Noisette on being named its Illustrious Potentate; and

WHEREAS, Al-Tabari Shrine Temple No. 121 is part of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine of North and South America and its Jurisdictions Inc.(AEAONMS), an organization which embraces the basic fundamental concepts of the Masonic Order with a broader spectrum of dispensing charity in the community; and

WHEREAS, There are 224 constituent temples worldwide and an ever growing membership of 25,000 who strive to provide a sense of community for their members as well as deliver charitable goods and services on a local and national level, including but not limited to awarding substantial grants to colleges annually to supplement the education of economically deprived youth along with a program of financial aid to fight drugs, crime and delinquency; and

WHEREAS, This year's Illustrious Potentate, El-Wise Noisette of Albany, New York, is a local youth advocate; and

WHEREAS, His commitment to his community is in direct correlation with the mission of AEAONMS; during 2014, El-Wise Noisette has scheduled many events and opportunities to benefit the people in his community, including: offering holiday charity in the form of Thanksgiving meals, providing underprivileged children with holiday gifts, organizing a book drive for Giffen and Arbor Hill Elementary schools, and mentoring students who attend Albany High School, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, El-Wise Noisette operates Unique Photo Studios; noted for his diverse background and possessing a zest for life as captured through the lens he made the transition from science to photography more than 30 years ago; and

WHEREAS, Presented with a Polaroid camera, El-Wise Noisette was introduced to photography by his grandmother at the age of five; passionate about his work, he is highly sought after for his technical expertise and expressive photojournalistic ability; and

WHEREAS, A small list of his clients for public relations photography include: the Albany City School District, Turner Construction, Bast Hatfield, C.T. Male, Northstar Construction Company, Capital District Links, New York State United Teachers, and the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, El-Wise Noisette has a list of married couples as clients whose memories of their wedding day are brought vividly to life when they look at his photographs, as well as individuals and families whose portraits stand out; and

WHEREAS, El-Wise Noisette's 2004 exhibit entitled, "Passing of our Legacy and Reflections of Our Elders" was held at the New York State

Museum; the show was dedicated to the late Gordon Parks, who foresaw Mr. Noisette's unique and exceptional abilities more than 25 years ago; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individ-

uals and institutions of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Al-Tabari Shrine Temple No. 121 upon the occasion of hosting its 46th Annual Potentate Charity Ball, and to honor El-Wise Noisette on being named Illustrious Potentate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Al-Tabari Shrine Temple No. 121 and El-Wise Noisette.