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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Florence E. Jackson-Frazier upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2014 Excellence in Community Service Award by the University at Albany Alumni Association

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in acknowledging its esteemed residents who have distinguished themselves in their profession and in their community; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the efforts of citizens of the State of New York who organize themselves for the purpose of improving and enhancing the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Florence E. Jackson-Frazier upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2014 Excellence in Community Service Award by the University at Albany Alumni Association, to be celebrated at its Annual Gala on Saturday, May 3, 2014, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, This prestigious honor is bestowed upon alumna Florence E. Jackson-Frazier who is long recognized for her advocacy on behalf of children and families; and

WHEREAS, Born in Huntington Station, New York, Florence E. Jackson-Frazier began her career in civil service after relocating to Albany, New York, in 1943 at the age of 19; here, she raised a family and pursued studies part time, earning a bachelor's degree from Siena College; and

WHEREAS, In 1972, Florence E. Jackson-Frazier received a Master of Social Work degree from Rockefeller College, now known as the School of Social Welfare, at the University at Albany; and

WHEREAS, As both a community leader and social worker, Florence E. Jackson-Frazier has championed the rights of the disenfranchised and the disadvantaged; and

WHEREAS, During her capacity as an employee of the New York State Department of Mental Health, she helped to establish the Capital District Psychiatric Center; and

WHEREAS, Florence E. Jackson-Frazier's work with numerous foster-care agencies in the region has aided children whose family situations required they be placed in caring, nurturing homes; and

WHEREAS, A member of an ad-hoc committee of the Council of Community Services, Florence E. Jackson-Frazier's involvement resulted in the creation of the Urban League of the Albany Area and, subsequently, the founding of the league's Street Academy, an alternative high school for youth with academic and behavioral challenges; and

WHEREAS, A leader in her community, Florence E. Jackson-Frazier has served as president of the Albany District Links, Inc., and the M.C. Lawton Civic and Cultural Club, known nationally as providers of civic and cultural support to children, families, communities and organizations; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Florence E. Jackson-Frazier is known for her work with the Legal Aid Society, the Visiting Nurses Association, the Albany City Human Rights Commission, the Albany Dispute Mediation Program, the Arbor Hill Community Center, and numerous other community organizations; and

WHEREAS, Florence E. Jackson-Frazier was recognized by the School of Social Welfare for her legendary community-building work, and her historic civil-rights and social-work leadership throughout the entire region; in 2011, she was honored once again by the School of Social

Welfare for her establishment of the Florence Frazier Graduate Scholarship Fund; the scholarship advances the education, clinical skills and career aspirations of African-American students pursuing a master's

degree in social work; and

WHEREAS, Florence E. Jackson-Frazier was instrumental in building several civil-rights organizations including the Urban League, and the Whitney M. Young Health Center; her work has served as an example to the many students she has supervised in field placements; and

WHEREAS, Florence E. Jackson-Frazier has provided exemplary leadership and is a model of community service; her active and deep-rooted commitment to others has earned her many special awards and recognitions including, among others, two Civil Service Merit awards, the National Association of Colored Women's Club's Community Service Award, the Distinguished Alumni Award from the School of Social Welfare, and the New York State Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to call attention to individuals such as Florence E. Jackson-Frazier who serve to bring people together for the united purpose of actively pursuing improvements in their communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Florence E. Jackson-Frazier upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2014 Excellence in Community Service Award from the University at Albany Alumni Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Florence E. Jackson-Frazier.