

## 2013-K1105

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Miss New York, Nina Davuluri, upon the occasion of being crowned Miss America 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, to honor today's young people, the leaders of tomorrow, whose character and achievements exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Miss New York, Nina Davuluri, upon the occasion of being crowned Miss America 2014 on September 15, 2013, at Boardwalk Hall Arena, in Atlantic City, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Nina Davuluri, a native of Syracuse, New York, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Brain, Behavior and Cognitive Science from the University of Michigan; her plans include attending medical school to become a Physician; and

WHEREAS, Young women from across our great nation from diverse cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds aspire to such lofty goals, the pursuit of which molds and transforms these young women in an exemplary manner; and

WHEREAS, Nina Davuluri was the first Indian-American to earn the coveted title of Miss America; living the American dream, she truly demonstrated the commitment and dedication necessary to make those dreams come true; and

WHEREAS, After her 2013 crowning as Miss America, Nina Davuluri overcame social media backlash as a result of her Indian-American ethnicity mainly due to her Indian heritage playing a strong role in her life since childhood; and

WHEREAS, Nina Davuluri carried the Bollywood dance skills she learned

during her many summers in India to the Miss America stage; and  
WHEREAS, She proudly employs the influence her Miss America title carries to advocate for cultural diversity with the launch of her "Circle of Unity" campaign, which has served to unite communities across America in promoting the importance of celebrating diversity; and  
WHEREAS, Nina Davuluri serves as an inspiration to young women everywhere that dreams can come true especially when you seek to serve your community and place others before yourself; and  
WHEREAS, Currently, Miss America 2014 Nina Davuluri is embracing her year of service with the ideals and tradition that have been the fabric of the Miss America organization since its inception in 1921; and  
WHEREAS, Nina Davuluri exemplifies the potential inherent in our young women; she is an outstanding role model for her peers and for the young people with whom she works and stands with poise and purpose to face the challenges of new experiences; now, therefore, be it  
RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Miss New York, Nina Davuluri, upon the occasion of being crowned Miss America 2014, with the anticipation of her continued exemplary representation of the people of this great Empire State; and be it further  
RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Miss America 2014 Nina Davuluri.