

## 2013-J5188

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Unlimited Possibilities Overcoming Poverty Ministry Inc. upon the occasion of celebrating its Seventh Anniversary, and paying tribute to the 2014 honorees

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those renowned organizations that devote their energy, resources and thoughtful care to improving 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 commend Unlimited Possibilities Overcoming Poverty Ministry Inc. upon the occasion of celebrating its Seventh Anniversary, and to pay tribute to the 2014 honorees at its Annual Awards Dinner which was held March 1, 2014, at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, Unlimited Possibilities Overcoming Poverty (UPOP) Ministry Inc., founded under the visionary leadership of Nellie B. King is a non-profit scholarship program for economically disadvantaged girls who are graduating high school; and

WHEREAS, This program helps to fund their continuing education at a college or trade school; and

WHEREAS, Once girls are selected for financial support by UPOP Ministry Inc., Board members provide mentoring, career development, community involvement and culture appreciation for at least three sessions during the their first semester; and

WHEREAS, To date, 10 out of 17 girls have graduated from college and are gainfully employed; financial assistance has supported these college students and continues to support others; and

WHEREAS, Unlimited Possibilities Overcoming Poverty Ministry Inc. honored 50 women throughout Western New York; its 2014 theme was "Cele-

brating Women Touching the World" in honor of National Women's History Month, and The Honorable Mayor Lovely Ann-Warren of Rochester, New York, was the Keynote Speaker; and

WHEREAS, The 2014 scholarship awardees were granted \$1,000 in financial support and they included: Deja L. Thompson, Deaira McMillon, Leah White, Takeisha Ewing, Sade Wallace and Janae Adams; and

WHEREAS, The UPOP Ministry Inc.'s 2014 Honorees were women of leadership from all over Western New York; exemplifying a diverse group of professionals, they included: The Honorable Mayor Lovely Ann-Warren, Tracey Bolton-Adams, Lisa Alexander, Cheryl Alston, Kimberly L. Beaty, Pastor Loretta Brooks, Marquita Iberia Bryant, Morgan Williams-Bryant, Paulette Chatman, Dr. Ramelli Choates, Tashuna Colston, Treneeka Cusack, Esq., Leah Daniel, Tyra G. Dennard, Chaka Edwards, Christine Farrow, Rahwa Ghirmatzion, Mashia Grazes, Barbara Glover, Katrina Hunley Jarrett, Brandi L. Hayes, Courtney M. Hayes, Pastor Rhonda Henderson, Catrice D. Huff, Karen King, Whitney B. Kemp, Annie Lewis, Dr. Keli-Korran F. Luchey, Jerry L. Linder, Tamara L. McMillan, Antonette Nevins, Candace D. Morales, Brianna Pride, Dolly Michelle Randle, Jacqueline Robinson, Ebony Ross, Marion Slaughter, Gizelle Stokes, Denise D. Sweet, Jo Ann Sweat, Natasha M. Whitfield, Danielle Gates-White, Janel W. Whiteside, Joyce Sylvers-Williams, and Dr. Tonja M. Williams; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body that those organizations which enhance the well-being and vitality of the community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Unlimited Possibilities Overcoming Poverty Ministry Inc. upon

the occasion of celebrating its Seventh Anniversary, and to pay tribute to the 2014 honorees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Unlimited Possibilities Overcoming Poverty Ministry Inc., and the aforementioned honorees.