

## 2013-J5523

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Myra Johnson upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Jill Ann Livingston Award by the Black Women's Association of Albany on June 14, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, honoring the youth of today, and leaders of tomorrow, whose character and achievements best 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 honor Myra Johnson upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Jill Ann Livingston Award by the Black Women's Association of Albany, to be celebrated at its 9th Annual Marian I. Hughes Scholarship Awards Luncheon on Saturday, June 14, 2014, at The Desmond Hotel, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Black Women's Association of Albany (BWAA) was founded on September 21, 1977, by a group of dynamic women with the purpose to stimulate social awareness, encourage cultural growth, help youth realize their full potential through education and serve as positive role models for African American women of all ages; and

WHEREAS, The BWAA Jill Ann Livingston Award was established by Mr. and Mrs. Calvin and Helen Livingston, in remembrance of their daughter, a BWAA member; and

WHEREAS, A Senior at Troy High School, Myra Johnson has a GPA of 87.8% with a rigorous honors curriculum, and has also earned several credits through Hudson Valley Community College; and

WHEREAS, Active within her school community, Myra Johnson participated in the Sponsor-A-Scholar program, the Career Exploration Internship program at St. Mary's Hospital, and the STEP program at RPI; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, ranked 81 out of 261 students in her graduating class, Myra Johnson was also a member of the National Honor Society and the Real Talk Teen Awareness program; and

WHEREAS, Myra Johnson will attend Hudson Valley Community College to study Radiation Technology, then continue her studies at Albany Medical College to become an X-Ray Technician; she hopes to start an outreach program in the future to assist teen parents, such as herself, as well as the homeless; and

WHEREAS, As Myra Johnson takes her leave of Troy High School, she leaves a legacy of academic achievement, school involvement and community service to which others may aspire; and

WHEREAS, Myra Johnson stands poised on the threshold of a broad and challenging world; a testament to the love and nurturing care of her family, friends and school; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to honor Myra Johnson, a young woman and able scholar, recognizing the value of her labors and the promise of her future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Myra Johnson upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Jill Ann Livingston Award, to commend her for her outstanding academic achievement and to extend to her the best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being, fully confident of her response to a promising future and appreciative of the model she represents for all aspiring young people of the Empire State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Myra Johnson.