

## 2013-J5535

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Jane Ogagan upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a Marian I. Hughes 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 Jane Ogagan upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a Marian I. Hughes 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 Marian I. Hughes Scholarship Awards were established in 2005 in memory of Mrs. Hughes, an educational leader who held various teaching and administrative positions in the City School District of Albany; she was also an Associate in the New York State Education Department, the author of two books about the history of public school education in Albany, and an advocate for better Human Relations; and

WHEREAS, A Senior at Scotia-Glenville High School, Jane Ogagan has an impressive 94.8% GPA and ranks 10th in her graduating class; she has taken several Honors and Advanced Placement classes and is a member of the National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Active within her school community, Jane Ogagan is a member of the Union College Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP), Treasurer of the Chamber Orchestra in which she plays violin, Co-Vice President of the Spanish Club, member of the Varsity Volleyball team, participant in the New Visions Health Career Program at Ellis Hospital, and a member of Homework Helpers in which she tutors elementary school students; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Jane Ogagan sings in the Youth Choir and directs the Children's Choir at Bethel AME Church in Schenectady, New York; and

WHEREAS, Instilled by her parents with a deep respect for her elders and a strong sense of responsibility towards the family, Jane Ogagan will attend Johns Hopkins University in a pre-med program; she aspires to a career as a Pediatric Anesthesiologist and hopes to serve in the Peace Corps or Doctors Without Borders; and

WHEREAS, As Jane Ogagan takes her leave of Scotia-Glenville High School, she leaves a legacy of academic achievement, school involvement and community service to which others may aspire; and

WHEREAS, Jane Ogagan 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 Jane Ogagan, 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 Jane Ogagan upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a Marian I. Hughes 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 Jane Ogagan.