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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring India Terrell 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 India Terrell 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 Albany High School, India Terrell has a respectable 83.1% GPA, is taking Honors level classes, and is earning six credits from the College of Saint Rose; she has worked for Girls Inc. and

the Arbor Hill Youth Basketball Camp, as well as a summer internship with Med Quest at Albany Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Active within her school community, India Terrell is a member of the Albany High School Lady Falcons Varsity Basketball team where she has learned leadership, sportsmanship and time management skills; and

WHEREAS, Instrumental in the team's Big Ten Championship for four consecutive years, India Terrell has also served as a volunteer coach for the Junior Lady Falcons; she was awarded an athletic scholarship to Dean College in Massachusetts where she will study to become a Nurse; and

WHEREAS, As India Terrell takes her leave of Albany High School, she bequeaths a legacy of academic achievement, school involvement and community service to which others may aspire; and

WHEREAS, India Terrell 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 India Terrell, 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 India Terrell 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 India Terrell.