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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Imani Randolph 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 Imani Randolph 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 The Doane Stuart School, Imani Randolph has an impressive 3.81 GPA on a four point scale and has been on the High Honor Roll for three years; and

WHEREAS, An exceptionally well rounded student, Imani Randolph was selected as the 2014 Women's Basketball Scholar Athlete of the Central Hudson Valley League; and

WHEREAS, In addition, she won the 2013 Mount Holyoke College Academic Excellence and Leadership Award, and showed her creative side when her sculpture was chosen for the 2014 3-D Art Exhibition and her drawing was showcased in the NYSATA Legislative Student Art Exhibition; and WHEREAS, Active within her school community, Imani Randolph participated in the Albany Medical Center STEP program, and co-founded the Doane Stuart Global Awareness Club; she plans to attend Barnard College, where she will major in Communications and pursue a career in Advertising; and

WHEREAS, As Imani Randolph takes her leave of The Doane Stuart School, she leaves a legacy of academic achievement, school involvement and community service to which others may aspire; and

WHEREAS, Imani Randolph 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 Imani Randolph, 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 Imani Randolph 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 Imani Randolph.