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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Meredith L. Henderson upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Meredith L. Henderson upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., to be celebrated on Saturday, August 9, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Meredith L. Henderson has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, Meredith L. Henderson, is a 29-year member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and was initiated in the Omicron Nu Omega Chapter in 1985; she is a proud member of Delta Mu Omega Chapter in Albany, New York, where she has served as Basileus, Epistoleus, Scholarship Chairman and most notably Graduate Advisor; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Union College and Binghamton University, this esteemed woman is the Chief of Staff in the New York State Senate where she is responsible for overall Management Administration and Operations in Albany and Southeast Queens; and

WHEREAS, Previously, Meredith L. Henderson served as the Deputy Secretary for the President/Majority Leader of the New York State Senate where she was the first African-American and first woman appointed in

the position; furthermore, she was also the Deputy Secretary to the Minority Leader of the New York State Senate and the Director of Human Resources and Special Assistant; and

WHEREAS, Meredith L. Henderson has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Committed to giving back to her community, Meredith L. Henderson is a former trustee of the New Covenant Charter School in Albany and is also a former member of the Board of Directors of the NAACP of Albany; in addition, she has also served as President of the Urban League Guild and is very involved in "Get Out the Vote" efforts on all levels; and

WHEREAS, After a successful win at the 2014 Northeast Regional Conference, Meredith L. Henderson will now enter her term of office as the 33rd North Atlantic Regional Director; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Meredith L. Henderson has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which this remarkable woman has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Meredith L. Henderson upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Meredith L. Henderson.