

## 2015-J796

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Youth of the South End upon the occasion of its designation for special recognition by AVillage, Inc. on February 21, 2015 for all the work they did last summer

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the great Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who serve as role models for their peers; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Youth of the South End upon the occasion of its designation for special recognition by AVillage, Inc. after all the work they did last summer, celebrated at its 2nd Annual Celebration of Progress on Saturday, February 21, 2015, at the Downtown Holiday Inn Express, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, AVillage Inc's. mission is to improve the quality of life for residents of the South End in Albany, New York, and beyond, by reclaiming our neighborhoods, by encouraging, engaging, and empowering our communities; and

WHEREAS, As participants in the summer youth employment program, Isaiah Brown, Isabela Cabuhat, Kaneeff Dancy, Blamo Keta, Kameer Koonce, Naa'ila Paige, Joyanna Salas-Richardson, Francine Williams, and Naquwan Williams proudly contributed their time and energy on a history project honoring the work and life of the late, great "Elder Jack Johnson," who significantly helped with the migration of many African-Americans from the cotton fields of Mississippi to Albany's South End; and

WHEREAS, With their sense of civic duty and their commitment to others, these outstanding individuals represent the best development of the potential which is inherent in our most precious resource, our

youth; and

WHEREAS, This occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to wish the Youth of the South End continued success throughout their school years and beyond; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Youth of the South End upon the occasion of its designation for special recognition by AVillage, Inc. on February 21, 2015 for all the work they did last summer; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the aforementioned members of the Youth of the South End.