

## 2015-K751

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Council of Urban Professionals for its work to connect, empower, and mobilize the next generation of diverse business and civic leaders

WHEREAS, A great community is only as great as those persons and organizations that provide exemplary service, whether through participation in voluntary programs, through unique personal achievement in their profession or other endeavors, or simply through a lifetime of good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Council of Urban Professionals for its work to connect, empower, and mobilize the next generation of diverse business and civic leaders; and

WHEREAS, The Council of Urban Professionals seeks racial, ethnic and gender parity in the highest business and civic leadership positions in the U.S. Through 65+ annual events - forums, leadership development programs, and peer networks - CUP empowers aspiring diverse professionals to develop connections, opportunities, and expertise that best position them for top leadership roles, resulting in a transformative impact on our communities; and

WHEREAS, Since 2007, this esteemed organization has worked to strengthen leadership opportunities for high performing professionals of color and women; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Council of Urban Professionals continues to work tirelessly to connect, empower, and mobilize the next generation of diverse business and civic leaders; it will continue to empower and

uplift professionals of color and women, as well as their communities, for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Council of Urban Professionals is in direct correlation to the efforts of its partners and members, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of this organization and the urban professional community it proudly serves; and

WHEREAS, The Council of Urban Professionals' distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Council of Urban Professionals for its work to connect, empower, and mobilize the next generation of diverse business and civic leaders; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Council of Urban Professionals.