

## 2015-J2946

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Caitlin Chauhan upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a Marian I. Hughes Scholarship Award by the Black Women's Association of Albany on June 20, 2015

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 Caitlin Chauhan 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 Marian I. Hughes Scholarship Awards Dinner Dance on Saturday, June 20, 2015, at The Desmond Hotel, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The theme of this year's auspicious event will be "Vision to Victory!"; JoDee Kenney, News Anchor on Time Warner Cable News will serve as Keynote Speaker; Shari W. Quinn, local author and educator will be selling copies of her latest book, DISLOYALTY, and popular DJ Syxx-figgaz will provide dance music; 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 Bethlehem Central High School, Caitlin Chauhan has maintained an impressive 96% GPA; she has taken several challenging classes such as Advanced Placement World History, Calculus, Chemistry, and Physics; she was the recipient of the AP Scholar Award with Honors for scoring three or higher on all four exams; and

WHEREAS, Active within her school, Caitlin Chauhan is a member of several organizations including the Key Club and Tech Crew; in addition, she volunteers as a Science Tutor; and

WHEREAS, Caitlin Chauhan enjoys playing flute in the Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Marching Band and Orchestra; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the well-being of her community, Caitlin Chauhan has volunteered at the Bethlehem Public Library Summer Reading Program for Children, assisted elderly patients at the Lutheran Care Nursing Home, and has taught Bible concepts to preschool students at Solid Rock Church; and

WHEREAS, Caitlin Chauhan's participation in the Summer Teen Program at Albany Medical Center has prepared her to study Pediatric Medicine at Albany College of Pharmacy, subsequently, she plans on providing medical services to poor children; and

WHEREAS, As Caitlin Chauhan takes her leave of Bethlehem Central High School, she leaves a legacy of academic achievement, school involvement and community service to which others may aspire; and

WHEREAS, Caitlin Chauhan 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 Caitlin Chauhan, 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 Caitlin Chauhan upon the occasion of her designation as recipient

of a Marian I. Hughes Scholarship 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 Caitlin Chauhan.