

## 2013-J871

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Jessica Burgos-Diaz upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a NYACCE Student of the Year Award

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor those individuals whose character and achievements best exemplify the ideals and values cherished by the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Jessica Burgos-Diaz upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a New York Association for Continuing/Community Education (NYACCE) Student of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion was celebrated at NYACCE's 30th Annual Student of the Year Awards and Legislative Event, held in Albany, New York on Wednesday, March 6, 2013; and

WHEREAS, NYACCE represents adult education professionals from across New York State; a primary mission of NYACCE is to maintain and expand education and training opportunities for undereducated adults in our State; and

WHEREAS, NYACCE strives to ensure that the opportunities and successes afforded these students and thousands of others continue to be available, and that additional adults in need of these services continue to be served without barriers; it is well understood that individuals who continue their education have a better chance at achieving better employment and a superior quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Jessica Burgos-Diaz was nominated for a Student of the Year Award by Liliana Zuluaga and Gretchen Varney from Erie 2-Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES; and

WHEREAS, Jessica Burgos-Diaz completed some high school in Puerto Rico, but was unable to find a job to support her three children due to difficult economic circumstances; and

WHEREAS, To create a better life for her family, she moved to Jamestown, New York, and enrolled in English as a Second Language and Work Experience with Spanish Support Programs at the Gateway Center; and

WHEREAS, With the goal of improving her English skills and a desire to attend Community College, Jessica Burgos-Diaz worked with determination, even when faced with transportation challenges and issues with child-care; she has tested out of BEST Plus and moved up to an Advanced Basic Education Program, with the goal of earning her GED; and

WHEREAS, Jessica Burgos-Diaz is enrolled in the Basic Office Medical Procedures Program and has been accepted for a Medical Technology Program at Jamestown Community College; she works doubly hard to translate medical terms from English to Spanish and back again during her coursework; and

WHEREAS, With a focus on her future, Jessica Burgos-Diaz plans to volunteer at WCA Hospital until she finishes her schooling; and

WHEREAS, There are many remarkable stories in the world of adult education, but few are as impressive as that of Jessica Burgos-Diaz, who serves as an inspiration to us all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Jessica Burgos-Diaz upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a NYACCE Student of the Year Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jessica Burgos-Diaz.