

## 2009-J2865

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Obara Wali Rahman Ndiaye upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Gathering of the Houses of African Based Spiritual Belief Systems of New York City

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Obara Wali Rahman Ndiaye upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Gathering of the Houses of African Based Spiritual Belief Systems of New York City in conjunction with the Caribbean Cultural Center African Diaspora Institute on Sunday, August 16, 2009; and

WHEREAS, This special event's title is "Ba M'buta: Ancestral Connections from the Congo to the Americas"; and

WHEREAS, The Gathering of the Houses of African Based Spiritual Belief Systems of New York City looks forward in honoring the elders of African based spiritual belief systems who have managed to learn and pass on the sacred wisdoms of African belief systems in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, Obara Wali Rahman Ndiaye is a Dance Africa elder who continues with his studies and pursuit of African culture through the performances of the Drumsong African Ballet; and

WHEREAS, Obara Wali Rahman Ndiaye's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Obara Wali Rahman Ndiaye upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Gathering of the Houses of African Based

Spiritual Belief Systems of New York City; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Obara Wali Rahman Ndiaye.