

## 2009-J327

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Rohan Plummer upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition as a 2009 Student of the Year by the New York Association for Continuing/Community Education

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 proud to congratulate Rohan Plummer upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition as a 2009 Student of the Year by the New York Association for Continuing/Community Education; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at NYACCE's 26th Annual Student Awards Dinner on Tuesday, March 3, 2009, to be held at the Century House in Latham, New York; 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 success afforded these students and thousands of others continues 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, Rohan Plummer was nominated by the Orleans/Niagara BOCES for a 2009 NYACCE Student of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Beginning his education in Jamaica, Rohan Plummer attended St. Aloysius primary school; during ninth grade he took the ninth grade achievement test and passed which enabled him to attend high school (St.

Mary's College) in Jamaica; and

WHEREAS, Rohan Plummer was financially unable to complete high school in Jamaica, but his teachers made him understand the importance of learning and value the importance of education; and

WHEREAS, The pastor of Rohan Plummer's church helped him find a program which enabled him to come to the United States and find employment; he became a permanent U.S. resident and worked to support himself and his children in Jamaica; and

WHEREAS, Working seasonally for the City of Niagara Falls, Rohan Plummer knew that he needed his GED to obtain better employment; he attended GED classes religiously before and after work, and during his lunch break; and

WHEREAS, Continuing to study at home, Rohan Plummer took his GED examination and passed in June 2008; he was immediately promoted to a better job at work; and

WHEREAS, While continuing to work full time, Rohan Plummer has applied to Niagara County Community College to study for his RN degree; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Rohan Plummer upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition as a 2009 Student of the Year by the New York Association for Continuing/Community Education; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rohan Plummer, 1356 Ontario Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York 14305.