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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Sandi Quonce upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the New York Association for Continuing/Community Education Outstanding Student of the Year Award

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of those individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary pursuit of education as adults; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Sandi Quonce upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the New York Association for Continuing/Community Education Outstanding Student of the Year Award at its 32nd Annual Student Awards and Legislative Event on March 10-11, 2015, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The New York Association for Continuing/Community Education (NYACCE) represents adult education professionals with its primary missions of maintaining and expanding education and training opportunities for undereducated adults throughout New York State; and

WHEREAS, NYACCE strives to ensure that the opportunities afforded to these students 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 greater chance of improving their employment and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Sandi Quonce understands the value of education and the challenges and hardships that are sometimes faced when trying to obtain that education; after a troubled upbringing, she dropped out of high school in ninth grade, due to a combination of home, behavioral and health related issues; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, Sandi Quonce trained as a Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) in the BOCES Consortium of Continuing Education's (BCCE) training

program, during which time she worked as a CNA until 2008; and

WHEREAS, After turmoil in her home life caused her to stray from her goals, Sandi Quonce found her way back into the educational system at the age of 42, when she returned to BOCES and enrolled in literacy classes at the Oneida ACCESS Site; and

WHEREAS, While preparing to take the GED exam, Sandi Quonce also enrolled in the BOCES Phlebotomy Training Program, a 200-hour course which prepared her to become a certified Phlebotomist; she successfully completed the Phlebotomy training in March of 2013, and the following month she passed the National Phlebotomy Association Certification Exam; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, shortly thereafter, in July of 2013, she passed the GED examination and earned her high school equivalency diploma; and

WHEREAS, Sandi Quonce passed the entrance exam for the BOCES Practical Nursing Program in September of 2014; she met each challenge of the rigorous five-step admission process with energy and determination; and

WHEREAS, Currently dividing her time between her commitment to the BCCE LPN training program's intense 1260 hour course and her work as a Home Health Aide, Sandi Quonce also gives of her time and energy to the volunteer group, Seniors Helping Seniors, in Madison County; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to commend individuals of outstanding character, who have shown initiative and commitment toward constantly pursuing higher goals for themselves, and acting as role models of leadership to be emulated by their peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Sandi Quonce upon her designation as recipient of the New York Association for Continuing/Community Education Outstanding Student

of the Year Award, and to wish to her continued success in all of her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Sandi Quonce.