

## 2015-J1489

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Tanya Owens upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Third Age Achievement Award in Health and Human Services by Senior Services of Albany

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 Tanya Owens upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Third Age Achievement Award in Health and Human Services by Senior Services of Albany, to be celebrated at its 19th Annual Third Age Achievement Awards Luncheon on Friday, May 8, 2015, at Wolfert's Roost Country Club, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each year, this auspicious event recognizes the contributions that area residents and professionals have made in their communities during the Third Age of their lives; Tanya Owens will receive this award for her valuable achievements and devoted service to her community after the age of 60; and

WHEREAS, Originally from Sharpsberg, North Carolina, Tanya Owens has spent the last 40 years in the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, Upon her retirement, Tanya Owens accepted a short term-part time job with Trinity Alliance as Financial Literacy Coordinator, a position she has held for over nine years; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure with Trinity Alliance, Tanya Owens has coordinated the Vita Tax program, which prepares more than 350 tax returns for residents of the South End of the City of Albany, as well as residents of Arbor Hill; in addition to preparing taxes each year, she

selflessly gives her time and energies to teaching Budgeting Classes and Parenting Classes at Trinity Alliance for the benefit of local residents; and

WHEREAS, Tanya Owens's commitment to enriching the lives of others can also be measured by her philanthropic volunteerism; over 40 years ago, she began her volunteer service with the Black Women's Association of Albany in an effort to meet new people; throughout this experience, she was instrumental in helping make new friends, and gaining the valuable confidence and leadership abilities which has allowed her to continue to pursue her life-long enjoyment of helping others; and

WHEREAS, Tanya Owens has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; currently, she is a member of the Albany Equity Committee, CASH Coalition of the United Way, and a Board of Directors member for Black Dimensions in Art, Inc., as well as The Baby Institute of Albany; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Tanya Owens has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband of 46 years, Leroy Owens, and their two children, Sherrod and Tish, as well as a grandson, Chase, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Individuals and organizations devoted to improving the quality of life for others, enabling them to build lives of dignity and self-worth are deserving of the highest praise and recognition; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a

long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Tanya Owens upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Third Age Achievement Award in Health and Human Services by Senior Services of Albany; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Tanya Owens.