

## 2015-J1597

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Federation of African-American Civil Service Organizations, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its Scholarship Awards Dinner Dance on April 24, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor those enduring organizations which devote their purposeful energies to improving the quality and dignity of life of those they serve, to preserving their heritage, and to fostering cultural pride; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Federation of African-American Civil Service Organizations, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its Scholarship Awards Dinner Dance on Friday, April 24, 2015, at Antun's in Queens Village, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Federation of African-American Civil Service Organizations, Inc. (FAACSO) is an association of accredited African-American Civil Service Organizations, whose members have pledged themselves to the high principle of true patriotism and to the service of their Nation and communities; and

WHEREAS, FAACSO was founded in 1954, following conferences between the officers of five different African-American organizations in federal, state and municipal agencies in the New York Metropolitan area; today, it consists of 15 such organizations with a combined membership of 35,000 individuals; and

WHEREAS, This vital organization works diligently to fulfill its goals of promoting understanding, friendship and cooperation among affiliate organizations; providing assistance in the resolution of organizational difficulties and problems; supporting the social and cultural activities of each organization by reciprocation; and offering its members assistance in the attainment of their stated goals, as well as the achievement

of general recognition and acceptance; and

WHEREAS, In addition, FAACSO strives for the elevation of the socio-economic level of civil service employees; furthermore, it supports the plans of action of its member organizations and supports their designated candidates for positions on policy-making levels; and

WHEREAS, FAACSO has provided outstanding service handling the numerous complaints of racial discrimination it receives annually; it has been instrumental in gaining justice for countless civil service employees who have received unfair treatment; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable organization has also encouraged the implementation of training programs within its affiliate groups, leading to high achievement on promotion examinations for its civil service workers; and

WHEREAS, Although primarily concerned with advancing equality in Civil Service, FAACSO has worked to fight discrimination and expand opportunities alongside numerous civil rights organizations including, the NAACP, the Urban League and the New York State Association of Black & Puerto Rican Legislators, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, In so effectively carrying out its mission, FAACSO has demonstrated the value of helping people reach their fullest potential, while furthering the societal and economic advancement of our Nation; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Federation of African-American Civil Service Organizations,

Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its Scholarship Awards Dinner Dance on April 24, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Federation of African-American Civil Service Organiza-

tions, Inc.