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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Karl Singletary upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Rufus Frasier Human Relations Award by the Buffalo Branch of the NAACP on June 14, 2015

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Karl Singletary upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Rufus Frasier Human Relations Award by the Buffalo Branch of the NAACP, to be celebrated at its 100th Anniversary Dinner on Sunday, June 14, 2015, at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center, Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, A valued and involved member of his community, Karl Singletary has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, The first African-American dancer to receive a scholarship to the American Ballet Theater in New York City, Karl Singletary serves as Founder and Executive Director of the Buffalo Inner City Ballet Company; he started the company in 1971, using students from workshops he taught at the former Clinton Junior High School; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he is a long-term artist in residence in the Florence County School District in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a

period of constructive involvement, Karl Singletary has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Karl Singletary has displayed throughout his life; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Karl Singletary upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Rufus Frasier Human Relations Award by the Buffalo Branch of the NAACP on June 14, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Karl Singletary.