

## 2015-K656

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring eight-year old Anaya Lee Willabus upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition after writing her first book, THE DAY MOHAN FOUND HIS CONFIDENCE

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, honoring the youth of today, and leaders of tomorrow, whose character and achievements best exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor eight-year old Anaya Lee Willabus upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition after writing her first book, THE DAY MOHAN FOUND HIS CONFIDENCE; and

WHEREAS, Anaya Lee Willabus is an eight-year old author and visionary who enjoys reading and playing sports; she was born and raised in Mill Basin, Brooklyn, where she resides with her parents and two siblings; and

WHEREAS, At the tender age of two, Anaya Lee Willabus was taught to read by her father, during which time she began to memorize books, demonstrating an acutely photographic memory; and

WHEREAS, A student at Mill Basin Public School 236, Anaya Lee Willabus immerses herself throughout the school year in books of all genres, while during the summer months, she attends the Summer Reading Program; the program has proven to be a motivational challenge, as each year, she makes it her goal to surpass the previous year's book total; and

WHEREAS, Anaya Lee Willabus reads in excess of 40 books during the summer; to maintain her comprehension skills, she then writes detailed essays on many of the books and illustrates her favorite part, both expressing her opinion of her findings and further building on her literacy skills; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her unwavering passion for reading, Anaya Lee Willabus also enjoys spending time playing soccer and practices Shotokan Karate; in her free time, she plays with her dolls, goes to the park and spends time with her brother, Brandon; she aspires to be a well-known author and teacher when she grows up; and

WHEREAS, Anaya Lee Willabus' book, THE DAY MOHAN FOUND HIS CONFIDENCE, was written after her inaugural trip to her parents homeland of Guyana, South America in April of 2014; upon her return, she started jotting notes from her visit, documenting cultural differences; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, with her composition of writings seemingly worthy of her parents attention, her notes were thereafter drafted on the computer; throughout the course of more than a year, Anaya Lee Willabus worked tirelessly and developed her first published chapter book; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, Anaya Lee Willabus now stands honorably, with just pride in her accomplishments and in eager anticipation of future challenges, understanding and appreciating the caring counsel and support provided by her teachers, coaches and parents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor eight-year old Anaya Lee Willabus upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition after writing her first book, THE DAY MOHAN FOUND HIS CONFIDENCE; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anaya Lee Willabus.