

## 2015-J2947

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Tiara Kelly upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a Marian I. Hughes Scholarship Award by the Black Women's Association of Albany on June 20, 2015

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Tiara Kelly upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a Marian I. Hughes Scholarship Award by the Black Women's Association of Albany, to be celebrated at its Marian I. Hughes Scholarship Awards Dinner Dance on Saturday, June 20, 2015, at The Desmond Hotel, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The theme of this year's auspicious event will be "Vision to Victory!"; JoDee Kenney, News Anchor on Time Warner Cable News will serve as Keynote Speaker; Shari W. Quinn, local author and educator, will be selling copies of her latest book, DISLOYALTY, and popular DJ Syxxfiggaz will provide dance music; and

WHEREAS, The Black Women's Association of Albany (BWAA) was founded on September 21, 1977, by a group of dynamic women with the purpose to stimulate social awareness, encourage cultural growth, help youth realize their full potential through education and serve as positive role models for African American women of all ages; and

WHEREAS, The BWAA Marian I. Hughes Scholarship Awards were established in 2005, in memory of Mrs. Hughes, an educational leader who held various teaching and administrative positions in the City School District of Albany; she was also an Associate in the New York State Education

Department, the author of two books about the history of public school education in Albany, and an advocate for better human relations; and WHEREAS, A Senior at Lansingburgh High School, Tiara Kelly has maintained an impressive 82.5% GPA, and ranks in the top third of her graduating class; and

WHEREAS, Even though she had a challenging childhood, Tiara Kelly is determined to work hard, reach her goals, and build a secure future; and

WHEREAS, Active within her school, Tiara Kelly is a member of Band, and has volunteered in service activities with the Better Burgh Club; in addition, she participated in Art Club, and served as an assistant to her art teacher, helping her with the Knickerbacker Middle School Art Club; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the well-being of her community, Tiara Kelly enjoyed painting murals with children at the Troy Public Library, and coordinated activities for local children as a babysitter; she recently started working at Walmart; and

WHEREAS, After graduation, Tiara Kelly plans on majoring in American Sign Language at Keuka College; and

WHEREAS, As Tiara Kelly takes her leave of Lansingburgh High School, she leaves a legacy of academic achievement, school involvement and community service to which others may aspire; and

WHEREAS, Tiara Kelly stands poised on the threshold of a broad and challenging world, a testament to the love and nurturing care of her family, friends and school; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to honor Tiara Kelly, a young woman and able scholar, recognizing the value of her labors and the promise of her future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Tiara Kelly upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a Marian I. Hughes Scholarship Award, to commend her for her outstanding academic achievement and to extend to her the best wishes of this Legis-

lative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being, fully confident of her response to a promising future and appreciative of the model she represents for all aspiring young people of the Empire State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Tiara Kelly.