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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Daveisha Richards 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 Daveisha Richards 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 Albany High School, Daveisha Richards has maintained an impressive 87.5% GPA, ranking 85th out of her graduating class of 475 students; she has taken several challenging classes such as Advanced Placement European History, United States History, Literature and Composition, English Language Composition, and United States Government and Politics; and

WHEREAS, Daveisha Richards was a recipient of the University at Albany's Multicultural High School Achievers Award and the Capital District Susu Women's Club Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Passionate about both the visual and performing arts, Daveisha Richards explored these fields at the Discovery Academy at Albany High School; she and her teacher worked with young people at the Albany School of Humanities; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Daveisha Richards participated in her high school's After School Performing Arts Program and Acting Intensive, a summer program sponsored by Capital Repertory Theater; she has been in several theatrical performances and worked backstage as part of the costume team for the school production of ANNIE; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the well-being of her community, Daveisha Richards participates in the Capital District YMCA Black & Latino Achievers Program, and is an active member in the Black Catholic Apostolate Church Youth Group; and

WHEREAS, After graduation, Daveisha Richards will attend Long Island University, and aspires to a successful acting career; and

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

WHEREAS, Daveisha Richards 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 Daveisha Richards, 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 Daveisha Richards 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 Legislative 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 Daveisha Richards.