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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ifeoluwa Adelugba 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 Ifeoluwa Adelugba upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a Marian I. Hughes 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, and local author, 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 Shenendehowa High School East, Ifeoluwa Adelugba, affectionately known as Ife, has maintained an impressive 97.4% GPA; she took Advanced Placement classes in both Biology and Calculus; and
WHEREAS, Ifeoluwa Adelugba has been the recipient of numerous academic awards including Honorable Merit in the National Latin Examination, and a special award for New York State History Day for an entry focused on African American History; and

WHEREAS, Active in her school, Ifeoluwa Adelugba volunteers as a homework tutor in the Academic Resource Center; in addition, she is a member of the Student Senate, and serves as the Financial Officer of the Latin Club, as well as President of the school's Prayer Club; and

WHEREAS, After attending the Career Exploration Program at Albany Medical Center, Ifeoluwa Adelugba plans on studying pre-med at Siena College, majoring in Biology and perhaps, International Relations, and aspires to become a doctor; and

WHEREAS, As Ifeoluwa Adelugba takes her leave of Shenendehowa High School East, she leaves a legacy of academic achievement, school involvement and community service to which others may aspire; and

WHEREAS, Ifeoluwa Adelugba 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 Ifeoluwa Adelugba, 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 Ifeoluwa Adelugba 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 Ifeoluwa Adelugba.