

## 2015-J3008

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Mickalene Thomas upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those individuals of artistic significance whose creative talents have contributed to the cultural enrichment of our communities and our Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Mickalene Thomas upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts, celebrated on Thursday, May 14, 2015, in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts (MoCADA) uses the visual arts as a point of departure for exploring new artistic productions across a variety of disciplines; through exhibitions and programming, MoCADA incites dialogue on pressing social and political issues facing the African Diaspora, and fosters a dynamic space for the creation and continuous evolution of African Diaspora culture; and

WHEREAS, Mickalene Thomas, is a contemporary African-American artist best known for her complex paintings made of rhinestones, acrylic and enamel; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed woman has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Mickalene Thomas has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals

for the benefit of others which Mickalene Thomas has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such remarkable talent 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 Mickalene Thomas upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mickalene Thomas.