

## 2015-J3851

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Brother Yusuf Burgess posthumously upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Living the Legacy Award by the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Health Center

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Brother Yusuf Burgess posthumously upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Living the Legacy Award by the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Health Center; this momentous occasion was celebrated at its Annual Legacy Event on Thursday, October 29, 2015, at the New York State Museum, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Living the Legacy Award is given annually to a community leader who has made a difference in the Capital District; and

WHEREAS, A steadfast advocate for youth development and environmental education, Brother Yusuf Burgess was truly committed to improving the lives of those around him; his extraordinary accomplishments truly reflect his unwavering and ceaseless dedication to his community; and

WHEREAS, With the belief in leave no child inside, Brother Yusuf Burgess was instrumental in the creation of better alternatives for urban youth and helping them understand the importance of education and conservation; and

WHEREAS, Brother Yusuf Burgess served as the Chairperson of the Envi-

ronmental Awareness Network for Diversity in Conservation, the Executive Director of the Youth Ed-venture and Nature Network, Family Intervention Specialist at Green Tech High Charter School, and Gang Prevention Coordinator for the Boys & Girls Club of America; and

WHEREAS, Brother Yusuf Burgess was the recipient of countless awards and accolades some of which include the Boys & Girls Club of Albany Staff Appreciation Award, the Capital District Citizens Actions Progressive Leadership Award, the Albany City Council Parent Teacher Association Award, the Human Rights Recognition Award, the Hidden Heroes Award, and the Children and Nature Recognition Award; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Brother Yusuf Burgess displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims 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 Brother Yusuf Burgess posthumously upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Living the Legacy Award by the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Health Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Brother Yusuf Burgess.