

2015-J4099

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Dr. Mojisola Adeyi Bafunso, Ed.D. upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the National Action Network, West Nassau Chapter, on April 17, 2016

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mojisola Adeyi Bafunso has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Dr. Mojisola Adeyi Bafunso upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the National Action Network, West Nassau Chapter, to be celebrated at its 3rd Annual Women's Prestigious Gala Awards Dinner held on Sunday, April 17, 2016, at Chateau Briand Caterers in Carle Place, New York; and

WHEREAS, The National Action Network's Annual Women's Prestigious Gala Awards Dinner recognizes outstanding individuals who demonstrate excellence in their work, service and commitment to the Jewish, Nigerian, Caribbean, Spanish, Haitian and American communities; and

WHEREAS, The West Nassau Chapter, under the able leadership of District Chairperson Pastor Emmanuel Asse, continues the mission of NAN which fulfills a vital role in moving our nation forward; and

WHEREAS, Born in Lagos, Nigeria, Dr. Mojisola Adeyi Bafunso came to the United States as a young woman; in 1989, she started working at Head Start as a Group Teacher at Medgar Evers Head Start in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, A year later, Dr. Mojisola Adeyi Bafunso moved to Bedford Stuyvesant Head Start holding the position of Head Teacher; in 1998, she

continued on this career path at The Miracle Makers Inc.-Bishop Sexton Head Start serving as Educational Director/Disability Specialist; and WHEREAS, During this time, Dr. Mojisola Adeyi Bafunso received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from the College of New Rochelle and two Master's degrees, one in Early Childhood Education and one in Special Education from The City College of New York, as well as an Advanced Certificate in Administration/Supervision from the College of St. Rose in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, Dr. Mojisola Adeyi Bafunso was selected to become Administrative Director of the Committee for Early Childhood Development-Head Start in Hollis, Queens, New York; under her leadership, the program was the recipient of the 2005 Outstanding Early Childhood Program Award from the New York State Education Department, Office of School Improvement and Community Services; the program was accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) in 2006, and re-accredited in 2012; and

WHEREAS, After an intensive course at the University of California-Los Angeles in 2007, Dr. Mojisola Adeyi Bafunso became a Head Start Johnson & Johnson Management Fellow; a year later, she received a Doctorate in Education with Specialization in Educational Leadership from North Central University where she was inducted into the Kappa Delta Pi-Alpha Delta Epsilon Chapter, which is the International Honor Society in Education; and

WHEREAS, In August of 2008, Dr. Mojisola Adeyi Bafunso was chosen to take over the leadership of the Human Resources Center of St. Albans Head Start Program, which had two sites; she was appointed Executive Director, and integrated St. Albans Head Start into the Committee for

Early Childhood Development's program as well as taking over the new site in Jamaica, New York; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Dr. Mojisola Adeyi Bafunso currently operates three sites in Queens, New York, comprised of 433 children and 90 staff

members representing different cultures and nationalities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mojisola Adeyi Bafunso 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, Active in community outreach, Dr. Mojisola Adeyi Bafunso is a member of Christ Apostolic Church in New York City where she serves as a Deaconess, Youth Coordinator and a Sunday School Teacher; in addition, she is viewed as a role model for all young women who come in contact with her as well as a fighter for equal education opportunities for all children throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Dr. Mojisola Adeyi Bafunso has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Sunday, and her three children, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Dr. Mojisola Adeyi Bafunso has displayed throughout her 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 commend Dr. Mojisola Adeyi Bafunso, Ed.D. upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the National Action Network, West Nassau Chapter; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Mojisola Adeyi Bafunso, Ed.D.