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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Angelica Clarke upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Young Alumna in Political Science Award by Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy

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 Angelica Clarke upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Young Alumna in Political Science Award by the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy, to be celebrated at its Annual Alumni Dinner & Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 13, 2016, at the New York State Museum, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Angelica Clarke earned her Bachelor's degree in Political Science with a concentration in International Relations from the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy at the University of Albany; and

WHEREAS, After graduation, Angelica Clarke worked as a staff organizer for the Graduate Student Employees Union/CWA 1104 based at the University of Albany campus; through the years, she has offered numerous workshops on black liberation, and understanding power and community organizing for both graduate students and faculty from the University and around the world; and

WHEREAS, Today, Angelica Clarke holds the title of Executive Director

at the Albany Social Justice Center; in this capacity, she serves as a community organization whose interests include women of color empowerment, leadership development and creating mechanisms for community control in marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS, As a founding member of Capital Area Against Mass Incarceration, Angelica Clarke is against police violence and other forms of structural racism and is an advocate for prison reform; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Angelica Clarke upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Young Alumna in Political Science Award by Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Angelica Clarke.