

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Barbara Johnson Zuber upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the African American Cultural Center of the Capital Region, Inc. on April 18, 2013

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those individuals of historic and 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 Barbara Johnson Zuber upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the African American Cultural Center of the Capital Region, Inc., at its Gala Event on Thursday, April 18, 2013, in the Swyer Theater at The Egg, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Artist Barbara Johnson Zuber is being recognized for excellence in the Visual Arts, and for her life-long dedication to promoting the contributions of African Americans to American arts and culture; and

WHEREAS, Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Barbara Johnson Zuber was raised in New York City; she received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Yale University, and studied further at New York University and the Arts Student League of New York; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Johnson Zuber always wanted to be a freelance artist; she taught in New York City neighborhood schools, community centers, and at Harlem Hospital in the Child Psychiatry Department, while she worked on her art at home and took advantage of opportunities to show her work independently; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Johnson Zuber has exhibited both locally and nationally; notably, her work was included in Forever Free: Art by African-American Women, a national exhibit shown at The Joplin Art Museum, Omaha, Nebraska; The Montgomery Museum on Fine Arts, Montgomery, Alabama; The Gibbs Museum, Charleston, North Carolina; and The Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis, Indiana; she was also included in a three person show with Georgia O'Keefe and Fernando Garassi at Galleria Escondido, Taos, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Barbara Johnson Zuber illustrated a children's book, BROWN IS A BEAUTIFUL COLOR, as well as THIS FAR BY FAITH: AN AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE FOR WORSHIP, an African American hymnal for the Lutheran Church; and

WHEREAS, In 1999, Barbara Johnson Zuber was commissioned by New York State to create a painting for The Adoption Album: Our Children, Our Families, poster; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Troy, New York, for more than 40 years, Barbara Johnson Zuber was married to the late Paul B. Zuber, a civil rights attorney and college professor; she is the proud mother of two children and the loving grandmother of twins; and

WHEREAS, It is most fitting that we take time to celebrate the artists within the great State of New York, and to cherish and give thanks for our American freedom, the only atmosphere in which artists can truly create and in which art is truly the expression of the soul; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Barbara Johnson Zuber upon the occasion of her designation for special honor by the African American Cultural Center of the Capital Region, Inc., on April 18, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Barbara Johnson Zuber.