

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Simeen G. Tabatabai upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Bertha E. Brimmer Medal from the University at Albany Alumni Association

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in acknowledging its esteemed residents who have distinguished themselves in their profession and in their community; and

WHEREAS, Simeen G. Tabatabai will be honored by the University at Albany Alumni Association with the Bertha E. Brimmer Medal during its Excellence Awards Gala to be held at the Albany Hilton on April 20, 2013; and

WHEREAS, This prestigious honor is bestowed upon alumni who have exhibited excellence in and dedication to teaching K-12; and

WHEREAS, Simeen earned a bachelor's degree from the University in 1999, and a master's in 2003; and

WHEREAS, She began her distinguished career in education in Nigeria and later moved to the Middle East, where she served as an English as a Second Language (ESL) tutor from 1982 until 1991; and

WHEREAS, Simeen has taught in the United States for the past 10 years, and is currently a fifth grade reading teacher for North Colonie Central Schools; and

WHEREAS, She is widely applauded for her ability to adjust her instruction to meet the individual needs of all of her students; and

WHEREAS, Simeen was one of only seven percent of New York teachers to receive a Highly Effective rating from New York State, evidence that her students' growth was well above the State average for similar students; and

WHEREAS, She is committed to teacher leadership and research, and is an active member of many school and district-wide committees, as well as the North Colonie District Globalization Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Simeen continues to contribute to the University at Albany community through her service as a teaching assistant in its Reading Department and as member of a research project funded by the Longview Foundation for Education in World Affairs and International Understanding; and

WHEREAS, She has exhibited the true spirit of the Bertha E. Brimmer Medal through her extraordinary success and dedication to education; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Simeen G. Tabatabai upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Bertha E. Brimmer Medal from the University at Albany Alumni Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Simeen G. Tabatabai.