

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring SUNY Potsdam theater student ChaRon Brabham upon the occasion of winning the National Oscar Experience College Search

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to call attention to those young adults within our midst whose nationally acclaimed accomplishments bring pride to their families, their communities, and to the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor SUNY Potsdam theater student ChaRon Brabham upon the occasion of winning the National Oscar Experience College Search; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, ChaRon Brabham was one of six winners that appeared live on television to deliver Oscar statuettes to ceremony presenters on February 24, 2013, at the Academy Awards on Oscar Sunday; she handed an Oscar toward Ang Lee for Best Director; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of the High School for Public Service in Brooklyn, ChaRon Brabham is a junior theater student at The State University of New York at Potsdam and is the daughter of Charlene and Ronnie Brabham; she is vice president of the Black Student Alliance, co-captain of Team NV (Potsdam's dance team), and serves as a student ambassador for the College's Office of Admissions; and

WHEREAS, As a theater major, ChaRon Brabham has learned about all aspects of performance and storytelling, as she has acted, directed and produced plays on campus; her involvement and success are a direct result of her passion for the arts; and

WHEREAS, ChaRon Brabham has a strong interest in film and aspires to be a director; because of these interests and her hard work, she was one of the winners of the Oscar Experience Talent Search; she compiled a 30-second black-and-white short film that highlighted her goals and vision for the future of filmmaking; and

WHEREAS, Recorded on the streets of Canarsie, Brooklyn, student ChaRon Brabham's film stood out from the hundreds of entries the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences received; and

WHEREAS, Some of the other highlights of ChaRon Brabham's national experience were touring the Academy Library and Disney Animation Studios, meeting a who's-who list of famous actors, and gaining invaluable life experience as she proudly represented SUNY Potsdam, the State University of New York, Brooklyn and New York State with poise on the Oscar stage; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to honor ChaRon Brabham, commending her for her outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and community service and recognizing the value of her labors and the promise of her future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor SUNY Potsdam theater student ChaRon Brabham upon the occasion of winning the National Oscar Experience College Search; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to ChaRon Brabham.