

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Margaret Diggs upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of the Honorable Anthony V. Cardona Award by the Friends of the Albany Children's Center

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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding individuals whose professional lives, personal endeavors and community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, friends, and family; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Margaret Diggs upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of the Honorable Anthony V. Cardona Award by the Friends of the Albany Children's Center; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the Center's 20th Annual Reception, to be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2013, at the New York State Bar Association Great Hall in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Diggs is the Executive Director of the Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families - Youth Bureau; she was formerly the Director of Substance Abuse Prevention Services for the Albany County Department of Mental Health and for the Department for Children, Youth and Families; and

WHEREAS, A founding member of the Advisory Committee for the Children's Center at Albany Family Court, Margaret Diggs' dedicated service enriched the lives of the children and families served by the Center and helped ensure that the Center's services would be available to families at a critical juncture of their lives; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Diggs is the President of the Albany Community Action Partnership; the Partnership is dedicated to ensuring that children are cared for by professional staff specifically trained to handle difficult issues that may arise during court proceedings, and to serve as a resource to assist families in crisis; and

WHEREAS, As Board President of the Albany Community Action Partnership, Margaret Diggs has provided extraordinary leadership and volunteered countless hours to carry out the Partnership's mission of helping people and changing lives; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Diggs has extensive experience serving on not-for-profit boards of directors, including the St. Joseph's Housing Corporation, Capital District Community Gardens, Capital District New York Chapter of the Association of Black Social Workers, Camp Opportunities Inc., Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood, Holding Our Own: A Fund for Women, New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Albany Y.W.C.A., Boys and Girls Club of Albany, Council of Community Services NENY and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Margaret Diggs has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor, and has earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues, family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Margaret Diggs has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Margaret Diggs upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of the Honorable Anthony V. Cardona Award by the Friends of the Albany Children's Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Margaret Diggs.