

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Tonya Bolden upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Young Movement, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Tonya Bolden upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Young Movement, Inc. on Saturday, March 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Young Movement is a 501c(3) member-supported action tank providing research, advocacy, and partnerships on socio-economic issues such as financial literacy and employment alternatives for young adults and professionals in New York; incorporated in October of 2011, this organization not only represents its members through research, advocacy, and forming partnerships, but ensures the positive results are long-standing while the unfavorable ones are non-recurrent for the next young generation; and

WHEREAS, Tonya Bolden, a Princeton University magna cum laude baccalaureate with a master's degree from Columbia University, is an award-winning author of more than 20 books for the young; they include MARIT-CHA: A NINETEENTH-CENTURY AMERICAN GIRL, a Coretta Scott King honor book and James Madison Book Award winner; and

WHEREAS, Tonya Bolden's MLK: JOURNEY OF A KING received the National Council of Teachers of English's 2008 Orbis Pictus Award for Outstanding Nonfiction for Children; she is a recipient of the Virginia Library Association's 2009 Jefferson Cup and Cleveland Public Library's 2010 Sugarman Award; and

WHEREAS, Booklist applauded Tonya Bolden's FDR'S ALPHABET SOUP: NEW DEAL AMERICA, 1932-1939 as a lively look back, and also acclaimed her other novel, FINDING FAMILY; her latest book EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION: LINCOLN AND THE DAWN OF LIBERTY received starred reviews from Kirkus, Booklist, and School Library Journal; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Tonya Bolden's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Tonya Bolden upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Young Movement, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Tonya Bolden.