

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the You Can Go to College Committee upon the occasion of its First Annual Pre-Mother's Day Banquet, and honoring this years' Guest Speaker Auntie Zeituni Onyango on April 28, 2013

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 commend the You Can Go to College Committee upon the occasion of its First Annual Pre-Mother's Day Banquet "Rooted in Our Past Preparing for the Future!" to be held Sunday, April 28, 2013, at Occasions Banquet and Catering Hall, Springfield Gardens, New York; and

WHEREAS, The 2013 Guest Speaker is Zeituni Onyango; this remarkable woman, the author of TEARS OF ABUSE, will share her life story of struggle and triumph; and

WHEREAS, Zeituni Onyango is the daughter of Mzee Hussein Onyango Kobama, the grandfather of the 44th President of the United States of America, President Barack Hussein Obama; and

WHEREAS, Born in Algeo Kogelo Nyango'ma, Kenya, East Africa, Zeituni Onyango is a single mother of four children, one daughter and three sons; and

WHEREAS, She was educated in a church missionary school; following high school she went on to college to pursue a degree in Computer Programming and Operations; upon graduation, she worked at several companies in the private and government sector before retiring; and

WHEREAS, Zeituni Onyango gave 20 years of distinguished service to Kenya Breweries Ltd., as an Information Computer Systems Coordinator before retiring; and

WHEREAS, She is an active advocate for women's rights, residency health, women abuse and homelessness; one of her major objectives is the promotion of sensible women's rights in order to build families and stronger communities; and

WHEREAS, Zeituni Onyango believes by extending ourselves with the sharing of love and affection for one another, respect of culture, race, and tradition, we can forge a better relationship in humanity as human beings; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Zeituni Onyango's mission is to encourage the discouraged individuals to move forward in life; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the You Can Go to College Committee upon the occasion of its First Annual Pre-Mother's Day Banquet, and honoring this year's Guest Speaker Auntie Zeituni Onyango on April 28, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the You Can Go to College Committee, and Zeituni Onyango.