

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Citizens Against Recidivism, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its 7th Annual Citizens Awards ceremony

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 Citizens Against Recidivism, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its 7th Annual Citizens Awards ceremony on Saturday, November 9, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The distinguished honorees, include: Tarell Rodgers, Vivian Denise Nixon Award for Leadership in Education; Kirk James and Robert Riggs, Kathy Boudin Award for Research and Scholarship; Sharon Richardson and William Brown, William Eric Waters Bridge Builder Award; Andrea James, Julio Medina Freedom Fighters Award; Marlon Peterson, Citizens' Social Action Award; Mujahid Farid, Glenn E. Martin Advocate of the Year Award; Anthony Papa, Citizens' Advocacy Award; and Flores A. Forbes, Edwin (Eddie) Ellis Life Time Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, Each year, Citizens Against Recidivism, Inc. publicly acknowledges the social contributions and accomplishments of a select number of formerly incarcerated people since their release, particularly those who are using what they have learned since being incarcerated and sharing their knowledge to help others; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, honorees have included leaders in education, grassroots advocacy, religion, and public service, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Citizens Against Recidivism, Inc. was founded in 1992 initially to address the needs of family members who had incarcerated loved ones; the organization was incorporated in 1996, initially providing supportive counseling to the wives and family members of the incarcerated, cultural programming in various New York State prisons and delinquency intervention programming for youth; and

WHEREAS, Citizens Against Recidivism, Inc. works to achieve the restoration of all the rights and attributes of citizenship among people in prison or jail and those who have been released in collaboration with other community and faith based organizations at each of the overlapping phases of the community integration process; this particular work includes advocacy on all levels, preventive efforts targeting at-risk youth and efforts to strengthen individuals, families and personal relationships affected by experiences with the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 Citizens Against Recidivism, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its 7th Annual Citizens Awards ceremony; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mikail DeVeaux, Executive Director, Wanda Best-DeVeaux, President of Citizens Against Recidivism, Inc. and to the honorees.