

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Tamika D. Mallory upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the King of Kings Foundation Inc. on June 7, 2014

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, Tamika D. Mallory has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Tamika D. Mallory upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the King of Kings Foundation Inc., to be celebrated at its Black Tie Awards Gala on Saturday, June 7, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Nationally recognized for her strong stance on women's issues, anti-violence, voter rights, and young adult advocacy, Tamika D. Mallory is the Founder of Mallory Consulting, LLC, and former Executive Director of the National Action Network, one of the nation's leading civil rights organizations; and

WHEREAS, Tamika D. Mallory has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Since losing her son's father to gun violence 13 years ago when her child was just two years old, Tamika D. Mallory has been a tireless anti-violence advocate; she has been featured across major news media and other mediums as a leading voice on key social justice issues, particularly relating to gun violence; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, Tamika D. Mallory served as an expert panelist on Bishop TD Jake's program on BET, "Mind, Body and Soul", where she fiercely advocated for increased community involvement and personal responsibility in reducing gun violence; and

WHEREAS, As the New York City Co-Chair for the Gun Violence Awareness Month Initiative, Tamika D. Mallory works with local and state government, grassroots organizations, and corporations to create a statewide program of education and awareness around gun violence intervention and prevention; and

WHEREAS, Today, Tamika D. Mallory is a contributor for ESSENCE MAGAZINE with a column called "Women to Watch" where she shines the spotlight on female leaders around the United States; she also writes for NewsOne.com where she writes "The Lookout", a weekly column on politics and social issues; and

WHEREAS, The proud recipient of countless awards and accolades, Tamika D. Mallory was called the "Sojourner Truth of Our Time" in JET MAGAZINE, and was publicly applauded as "a leader of tomorrow" by Senior Advisor to President Barack Obama, Valerie B. Jarrett; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Tamika D. Mallory has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Tamika D. Mallory has displayed throughout her life; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Tamika D. Mallory upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the King of Kings Foundation Inc. on June 7, 2014; and be

it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Tamika D. Mallory.