

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the National Association for Black Military Women New York City Chapter upon the occasion of hosting its Inaugural Scholarship Dinner on May 15, 2016

WHEREAS, African American female members of the United States Armed Services from the State of New York, who have served so faithfully and courageously in wars in which our Nation's freedom was at stake, as well as in the preservation of peace during peacetime, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 service of their country; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the National Association for Black Military Women New York City Chapter upon the occasion of hosting its Inaugural Scholarship Dinner to be celebrated on Sunday, May 15, 2016, at Antun's Catering Hall in Queens Village, New York; and

WHEREAS, The National Association of Black Military Women (NABMW) is composed of African American women from throughout the Nation who are veterans or current members of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Founded under its former name of "The Black WRAC, WAC, Women in Service," the mission of the NABMW is to seek out, record and express the history of Black Military Women; and

WHEREAS, The New York Chapter of NABMW is one of the most active and leading chapters of the Association, and works to keep alive the history and heritage of Black Women who have ably served our nation with courage and valor in the military services of our country; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed service organization works tirelessly to foster a spirit of camaraderie and goodwill among all individuals interested in Black history through community involvement in numerous programs; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the New York Chapter of NABMW strives to motivate and support black youth in their attainment of academic excellence by utilizing military role models as a source of inspiration and making historical military information relating to black military women available to lectures, forum exhibits and various media activities; and

WHEREAS, The success of the New York Chapter of NABMW over the years is in direct correlation to the efforts of its members, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous guidance of Chapter President, Colonel Carol St. Pierre, the New York Chapter of NABMW will to continue to inspire Black female service members "To Tell Her Story" for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved with great respect and reverent esteem, and, on behalf of all of the citizens of the Empire State, to renew its tribute to the African American women service members of New York State who have so courageously served their State and Nation in the defense of freedom and democracy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the National Association for Black Military Women New York City Chapter upon the occasion of hosting its Inaugural Scholarship Dinner; and be it further

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

mitted to Colonel Carol St. Pierre, Chapter President, the National Association for Black Military Women New York City Chapter.