

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Linda Patterson upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Black Caucus of the Council for School Administrators on June 11, 2016

WHEREAS, New York State's commitment to education is unparalleled; its history and stature are secured by the superlative caliber of its educational professionals and the students they inspire; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the accomplishments of those distinguished educational leaders, whose dedication and achievements have been instrumental in developing character and academic excellence in the young people of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Linda Patterson upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Black Caucus of the Council for School Administrators, to be celebrated at its Legendary Luncheon on Saturday, June 11, 2016, at Terrace on the Park, Flushing, New York; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Brooklyn, New York, Linda Patterson attended Public School 20, Rothschild Junior High School and the LaGuardia High School of Music and Art; and

WHEREAS, Linda Patterson's illustrious teaching career began in Brooklyn at Francis Scott Key Junior High School; she went on to Sands Junior School, and later to Charles Dewey Junior High School before accepting the position of Assistant Principal at Ryan Junior High School and later at Woodside Junior High School; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, she served as principal of Public School 9 and The Bergen Upper School in District 13; she has also served in the Chancellors Office of the New York City Department of Education, and with New Leaders for New Schools; and

WHEREAS, Linda Patterson is currently the Director of the Adelaide Sanford Institute for Research, Development, and the Education of Students of African Descent; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of Linda Patterson, this vital Institute serves as a clearing house for best practices as they relate to the holistic education of students of African descent and provide a collegial framework for the sharing of culturally responsive and exemplary pedagogy, programs and schools that have produced high achievement among students of color; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed woman also serves as an independent educational consultant to schools in New York City; her work has focused on leadership training and support, school-wide goal setting, new teacher induction, teacher assessment systems, professional development, data analysis to inform instruction, curriculum development, and school management systems; and

WHEREAS, Linda Patterson works with administrators, teachers, parents, and students, to build school community, provide a rigorous instructional program, and increase student achievement; she assists schools in their adoption of the Common Core State Standards; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her career, Linda Patterson has served as a school administrator, teacher, and central office administrator with the New York City Department of Education; she has taught Educational Management at Brooklyn College, City University of New York; Educational Assessment and Evaluation at Empire State College, Saratoga, New York; and supervises student teachers at Hunter College; and

WHEREAS, Linda Patterson earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Vermont, a Masters of Educational Administration from the

University of Virginia, and a Doctoral degree in Educational Administration from New York University; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to her community, Linda Patterson is a life member of the NAACP and the Association of Black Educators of New York; she attends the Emmanuel Baptist Church and holds membership in the academic honor societies of Kappa Delta Pi, Pi Lambda Theta, and president emeritus of Phi Kappa Delta; and

WHEREAS, The future success of our State and Nation is dependent upon individuals such as Linda Patterson, who dedicate their lives as educators, nurturing our most precious resource, our youth; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to now record its recognition and appreciation in honoring an outstanding educational leader, whose dedication and achievements have been instrumental in developing character and academic excellence in his students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Linda Patterson upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Black Caucus of the Council for School Administrators on June 11, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Linda Patterson.