

BY: Senator MONTGOMERY

HONORING Job Mashariki upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Community Service Leadership Award by the Community Council for Medgar Evers College, Inc. on April 21, 2018

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 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 honor Job Mashariki upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Community Service Leadership Award by the Community Council for Medgar Evers College, Inc. to be celebrated at its Annual Spring Scholarship and Leadership Awards Luncheon on Saturday, April 21, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1972, The Community Council for Medgar Evers College, Inc. includes residents, organizations, faculty, students and all elected officials of the Central Brooklyn community who support the mission of the College, and since 1980, has provided more than 220,000 dollars in scholarships to deserving students through fundraising events, outside grants and contributions; and

WHEREAS, Born in Bedford Stuyvesant in 1943, Job Mashariki earned his associate degree from New York Technical College, and both his bachelor's and master's degrees in sociology from the City University of New York; he is also a graduate of the Columbia University School of Business Executive Program; and

WHEREAS, In 1979, Job Mashariki founded and served as President/CEO of Black Veterans for Social Justice, (BVSJ) Inc., a position he held for 30 years; this vital organization diligently works to assist military personnel in making a smooth transition from active duty to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, BVSJ assists military personnel, veterans and their families in the areas of social readjustment, housing, employment, compensation, disability, substance abuse, medical treatment, Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome, family intervention, prison counseling and relocation into the community, legal advocacy, discharge up-grade and redress of grievances within and outside the military; it also provides counseling, benefits information and compassionate care for anyone who needs a little help and guidance; and

WHEREAS, The staff of BVSJ truly believes all persons could be productive, positive contributors to society, no matter what sex, race, social class, military labels or problems that they may have; all humans wish to do the right thing, but do not often get the opportunity; and

given a boost, a helping hand, all people, particularly veterans, would respond positively and productively; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his work with BVSJ, Job Mashariki has dedicated his life to helping the homeless, and those individuals who suffer from HIV/AIDS, poverty, discrimination, lack of education, unemployment and racism; and

WHEREAS, Job Mashariki has also served on various boards and has held leadership positions for numerous organizations including Bedford Stuyvesant Coalition for Needs & Services, Fort Greene Senior Citizens Council, Inc., NYC Coalition for Veterans in Pain and Distress, Bedford Stuyvesant Legal Services Corporation, National Coalition of Homeless Veterans, Coalition for Improvement of Bedford Stuyvesant, Black Agency Executives, National Association of Black Veterans, and Human Services Council of New York City, as well as Von King Park Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, For his steadfast and unrelenting commitment to veterans and his community, Job Mashariki was the recipient of the Community Development Award, and many commendations from elected officials; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Job Mashariki upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Community Service Leadership Award by the Community Council for Medgar Evers College, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Job Mashariki.