

Assembly Resolution No. 193

BY: M. of A. Mayer

COMMENDING Sanah Susan Naber, Principal of the Vive School and Overseer of Pathways to Success, in conjunction with Women's History Month, for her unwavering commitment to the community of Yonkers, New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those women of achievement within the Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who inspire others through their model citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Sanah Susan Naber, Principal of The Vive School Overseer of Pathways to Success, in conjunction with Women's History Month, for her unwavering commitment to the families and communities of Yonkers, New York; and

WHEREAS, Women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made invaluable contributions to the growth and strength of New York State in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the State of New York officially sets aside time to recognize the achievements and lives of these exemplary women, representatives of the wide-ranging and vital roles women have played in the historic development of this great Empire State and its communities; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Yonkers, Sanah Susan Naber has enhanced the lives of thousands of people with her program, Pathways to Success, an adult education program which serves the needs of Yonkers residents with a diverse range of services, including English for Speakers of Other Languages, National External Diploma, Vocational Training and High School Diploma Preparation Programs; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception in 2007, Pathways to Success has served more than 25,000 adult students; this vital organization also helped the influx of immigrants that have moved to Yonkers by providing legal services and information to help them become active citizens within the community; and

WHEREAS, Sanah Susan Naber established the Family Welcome Center (FWC) at The Vive School, to address issues which interfere with students' ability to focus on their education, or their children's education, where counselors refer individuals to Literacy Zone partner agencies to help them resolve a wide range of issues; to further complement the FWC initiative, Sanah Susan Naber introduced the Family and Me Program, to help connect families with learning; and

WHEREAS, As Principal of Career Technical Education (CTE), Sanah Susan Naber obtained two esteemed grants, PTECH and Perkins, which

support career pathways for secondary students; and

WHEREAS, Sanah Susan Naber also holds the position of Executive Board Member of Yonkers Office of Workforce Development, Member of the Yonkers City Planning Council, Member of the NYACCE Board of Directors and Yonkers Representative to the Big Five School Districts for both CTE and Adult Education; and

WHEREAS, For her dedication to the community, Sanah Susan Naber and her programs were given the designation of Literacy Zone, which focuses efforts on communities of concentrated poverty and limited literacy or English language proficiency; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Sanah Susan Naber received the prestigious 2013 Youth Development Award by the YMCA and was recognized by Catholic Charities for her efforts to provide English Language Courses, vocational training, legal services, citizenship assistance and more to the day laborers in Yonkers for Pathways to Success; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her two daughters, Gabriella and Sara, and her extended family, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Sanah Susan Naber, Principal of The Vive School and Overseer of Pathways to Success, in conjunction with Women's History Month, for her unwavering commitment to the community of Westchester County; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sanah Susan Naber, Principal The Vive School and Overseer of Pathways to Success.