

BY: Senator THOMAS

HONORING Salamah Adjoua-Mullen upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Outstanding Librarian Award by the New York Library Association

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the quality of education in this great State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Salamah Adjoua-Mullen upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Outstanding Librarian Award by the New York Library Association to be celebrated at a Ceremony on Thursday, April 29, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Salamah Adjoua-Mullen is receiving this prestigious award for her expertise, dedication and profound impact on the students at Northern Parkway School, Uniondale School District, and the Uniondale community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Salamah Adjoua-Mullen has committed her life to introducing her students to a lifetime of learning while gaining cultural understanding and the enhancement of global communication skills, and fostering both excellence and equity in education; and

WHEREAS, School librarians such as Salamah Adjoua-Mullen teach students to inquire, think critically, draw conclusions, make informed decisions, and create and share knowledge in preparation for advanced study and the workplace; and

WHEREAS, For the past 11 years, Salamah Adjoua-Mullen has served as the lead library media specialist at Northern Parkway School in the Uniondale School District; throughout her tenure, she has successfully created programming to build the capacity cultural competence and critical consciousness of the students, faculty and staff at Northern Parkway School; and

WHEREAS, As lead library media specialist, Salamah Adjoua-Mullen is also responsible for managing the school's library budget, serves as the Northern Parkway instructional technology help desk, leads professional development sessions throughout the school year, and serves as the conduit and bridge between the Uniondale Public and the Uniondale School District; and

WHEREAS, Salamah Adjoua-Mullen has also initiated and lead a number of important projects for the Northern Parkway School and the Uniondale School District; since 2018, she has coordinated an annual community walk to the library for students who attend Northern Parkway School, allowing for students to learn and celebrate their community along with building a greater relationship with their local library; and

WHEREAS, Through Salamah Adjoua-Mullen's superlative leadership, innovative ideas and endless enthusiasm, Northern Parkway School has been designated as a national and New York State School of Character and has earned effective and highly effective building school ratings; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her role as lead library media specialist, Salamah Adjoua-Mullen serves on the school's Building Advisory Board and Spring and Fall Reopening teams, and since 2004, has held the title of Adult Reference Librarian/Young Adult Librarian for the Uniondale Public Library; and

WHEREAS, Salamah Adjoua-Mullen holds a number of educational degrees and certifications including National Board Teacher Certification, Masters of Library Science, Advance Certificate for Educational Leadership, School Building Leader, School District Leader, Public School Teacher Certificate for Library Media Specialist, NYS Public State Public Librarian Certification, Public School Teacher Certificate For Elementary Teachers Grades 1-6, and is currently a doctoral candidate at Molloy College; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, 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 Salamah Adjoua-Mullen upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Outstanding Librarian Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Salamah Adjoua-Mullen.