

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Denise J. Hallett upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of a 2012 Educational Advancement Foundation Salute To Excellence in Community Education Award

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that individuals who distinguish themselves in their profession and in service to their community and its children merit the highest commendation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Denise J. Hallett, of the New York City Department of Education, upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of a 2012 Educational Advancement Foundation Salute To Excellence in Community Education Award; and

WHEREAS, Denise J. Hallett will be honored at the North Atlantic Region of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's Cluster III Educational Advancement Foundation's Breakfast, to be held at the Double Tree by Hilton in Tarrytown, New York on Saturday, June 23, 2012; and

WHEREAS, The Educational Advancement Foundation (EAF) is dedicated to the pursuit of lifelong learning and each year proudly recognizes individuals who have made a difference in non-traditional educational ways to create an environment in which children can grow; and

WHEREAS, Denise J. Hallett truly merits such recognition; and

WHEREAS, Denise Hallett's career as an educator commenced more than 28 years ago; she has served ably as a Drug and Substance Abuse Counselor, a teacher, an Assistant Principal, a member of the cabinet of the Superintendent of Brooklyn High Schools, and Director of Field Services (Human Resources) for the New York City Department of Education; her expertise in school leadership and her compassion for children and the educators who support them have enabled her to successfully lead Far Rockaway High School as its Principal for seven years; and

WHEREAS, As Principal of Far Rockaway High School, in District 27, Queens, Denise Hallett continued her commitment to teens and young adults; her ability to lead supervisors, foster professional growth, and engage parents and the community, was and continues to be reflected in the contribution of active and empowered Assistant Principals and Principals who currently work in the New York City public schools and other school systems; she has, in addition, helped foster partnerships which contributed to the educational resurgence of Far Rockaway High School; and

WHEREAS, Currently as the Deputy Network Leader of the New York City Public Schools' Transition Support Network, Denise Hallett supports the 22 phase out schools which were announced for closure in June 2010; and

WHEREAS, The Transition Support Network is a groundbreaking concept in the history of the New York City Public Schools; Denise Hallett was selected to lead the work of the Network, ensuring that "no child is truly left behind" as poor performing schools are closed to make way for newer school choices; and

WHEREAS, As the Deputy Network Leader, Denise Hallett continues to create an environment which offers growth opportunities for students and their families; she is committed to fostering professional growth on the part of all staff, as well as to engaging parents and community leaders in all components of the educational program; and

WHEREAS, Denise Hallett's educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts degree in Health Education/Counseling from Hunter College, a Master of Science degree in Education, Guidance and Counseling from Long Island University, and an Advanced Certificate in Supervision and Administration from City College; and

WHEREAS, Outside of school, Denise Hallett leads an active life, she

is centered by her religious beliefs and her family; she is a daughter, sister, mother of a 33 year old daughter and a friend; she enjoys traveling, long walks, the arts, specifically music, enjoying and studying the culture of film, especially "film noir"; and

WHEREAS, She also enjoys learning and growing in the ministry of spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ; she is a member of the Brooklyn Tabernacle, Brooklyn, New York, and has dedicated herself to supporting others in various forms of educating children, ensuring that every child receives an equal opportunity to develop into a productive contributing member of society; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, it is appropriate to publicly proclaim and commend them for the edification and emulation of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Denise J. Hallett upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of a 2012 Educational Advancement Foundation Salute To Excellence in Community Education Award on June 23, 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Denise J. Hallett.