

## 2013-J232

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Jesse Dowdell upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the Southwest Community Center

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Jesse Dowdell upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the Southwest Community Center; he will officially retire at the end of April 2013; and

WHEREAS, Jesse Dowdell grew up in Syracuse, New York, and worked as a teacher with the Syracuse school district before he decided to take the position at Southwest Community Center; he made the move because he wanted to make a difference in the community; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Jesse Dowdell rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Southwest Community Center; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as Chief Executive Officer, Jesse Dowdell served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Only the second leader the nonprofit agency has had since it opened in 1975, Jesse Dowdell was able to see the Southwest Community Center through the country's recent economic downturn, working closely with banking partners and leading the Center to good economic standing once more; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Jesse Dowdell has helped the Southwest Community Center establish itself as a place where neighborhood people can turn to for help; he has been instrumental in the stabilization of the immediate neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Jesse Dowdell was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with the Southwest Community Center, Jesse Dowdell earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; 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 Jesse Dowdell upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the Southwest Community Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jesse Dowdell.