

## 2013-J429

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Bronx School for Law, Government & Justice upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2012 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award for debate

WHEREAS, A great state is only as great as those individuals who perform exemplary service on behalf of their community, whether through unique achievement in professional or other endeavors, or simply through a lifetime of good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Bronx School for Law, Government & Justice upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2012 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award for debate; and

WHEREAS, The Bronx School for Law, Government & Justice received this auspicious award for their after school debate team; in addition to the award, first lady Michelle Obama made a special visit to the school and met with the four members of the debate team, which was started by history teacher Eric Fogel who, along with other volunteer teachers and staff, started the New York City Urban Debate League which is comprised of 400 students and 40 schools; and

WHEREAS, Starr Arroyo, Yaira Brito, Ashley Meija, and Stephanie Nyame are the members of the Bronx School for Law, Government & Justice debate team and sophomore Starr Arroyo was selected to speak in front of the first lady; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice 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 those individuals for the edification and emulation of others; and

WHEREAS, Such service, which is truly the lifeblood of the community and the State, so often goes unrecognized and unheralded; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Bronx School for Law, Government & Justice upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2012 National Arts and Humanities

Youth Program Award for debate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Bronx School for Law, Government & Justice.