

New Jersey General Assembly



STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N. J.

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION By Assembly Speaker OLIVER

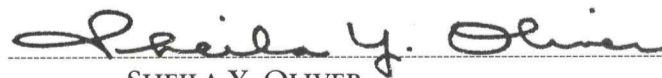
- WHEREAS**, Geri Allen, a highly acclaimed jazz musician and composer, is being honored and saluted upon the auspicious occasion of the Opening Night Celebration of *Promise of the New World*, which will take place at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark on September 27, 2013; and,
- WHEREAS**, Geri Allen is respected as a talented jazz piano player, composer, and educator, and she has produced many albums and has written numerous renowned compositions, such as *For the Healing of the Nations*, a tribute to the victims, survivors, and families of our national tragedy of September 11, 2001; and,
- WHEREAS**, Geri Allen has shared her expertise in collaboration with several other noted jazz musicians, and she has also contributed her musical gifts to the documentaries *Live Music*, *Community*, and *Social Conscience* and *Beah: A Black Woman Speaks*; and,
- WHEREAS**, In addition, Geri Allen has performed at numerous prestigious venues and events, including the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Monument Unveiling Concert, *A Theatrical and Musical Celebration Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., MLK: A Monumental Life*, at Constitution Hall; and,
- WHEREAS**, Geri Allen, who graduated from Howard University and the University of Pittsburgh, has also lent her expertise as an Associate Professor of Jazz and Contemporary Improvisation in the School of Music Theatre and Dance at the University of Michigan; and,
- WHEREAS**, An array of honors and awards bears witness to the outstanding musical achievements of Geri Allen and attests to the high regard in which she is held; and,
- WHEREAS**, It is altogether proper and fitting for the members of this House to pause in their deliberations to commend artist Geri Allen and to praise her as a woman of strong character and exceptional determination; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

That this House hereby honors and salutes Geri Allen, pays tribute to her meritorious record of achievement and accomplishment as a musical artist, and extends sincere best wishes for a successful and entertaining *Promise of the New World* show; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the Speaker and attested by the Clerk, be transmitted to Geri Allen.





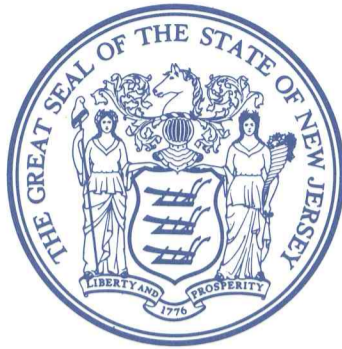
SHEILA Y. OLIVER
Speaker of the General Assembly

Attest:



DANA M. BURLEY
Clerk of the General Assembly

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WHEREAS, Afro Blue, a highly acclaimed jazz vocal group, is being honored and saluted upon the auspicious occasion of the Opening Night Celebration of *Promise of the New World*, which will take place at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark on September 27, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, Afro Blue is renowned as Howard University's premier vocal jazz ensemble, and this talented a cappella group has shared its gifts in collaboration with numerous other musical groups and solo performers, including with the National Symphony Orchestra POPS, with Bobby McFerrin during the 2011 DC Jazz Festival, and with Geri Allen for her *For the Healing of the Nations*, a tribute to the victims, survivors, and families of our national tragedy of September 11, 2001; and,

WHEREAS, Afro Blue has been featured on NPR's *All Things Considered*, and the group achieved an impressive fourth-place finish on the NBC show, *The Sing Off*; and,

WHEREAS, In addition, Afro Blue has performed at numerous prestigious venues and events, such as The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the Apollo Theater in Harlem; and,

WHEREAS, An array of honors and awards bears witness to the outstanding musical achievements of Afro Blue and attests to the high regard in which the group is held; and,

WHEREAS, It is altogether proper and fitting for the members of this House to pause in their deliberations to commend Afro Blue and to praise its meritorious efforts; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:


That this House hereby honors and salutes Afro Blue, pays tribute to the meritorious record of achievement and accomplishment of its members, and extends sincere best wishes for a successful and entertaining *Promise of the New World* show; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the Speaker and attested by the Clerk, be transmitted to Afro Blue.




SHEILA Y. OLIVER
Speaker of the General Assembly

Attest:


DANA M. BURLEY
Clerk of the General Assembly