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**STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**

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*Celebrating and Recognizing
Jada Alana Spight
For her Vocal Accomplishments and Personal Perseverance*

WHEREAS, *Jada Alana Spight* is the youngest of five children; the “baby girl” was born on November 8th, 2000, to Pastor L. Allen and Ms. Michelle Denise Spight; and

WHEREAS, Jada began singing at 3 years old and would later begin traveling throughout Western New York and the Southern Tier singing alongside her parents; and

WHEREAS, Jada was the youngest member of the singing “Spight Sisters” often accompanied musically by her only brother Lee Allen Spight III; and

WHEREAS, Jada is a graduate of the Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts, also known as “P.A” where she majored in Music under the tutelage of former music director Karen Saxon and vocal instructor George Davis; and

WHEREAS, as a senior at Performing Arts, Jada was voted by her peers as Miss Vocal Major, most likely to succeed , as well as the representative for the Senior Class vocal majors; and

WHEREAS, through her perserveance and her strong faith in God, Jada is not ashamed of her testimony of having been healed from being severely burned in her head as a child, surviving homelessness with her family, as well as depression, low self-esteem, and contemplation with suicide which led to her recovery in a mental health facility; and

WHEREAS, at the tender age of seven, Jada represented the children’s church ministry of the Churches of God in Christ World Wide at the musical during the AIM convention and has been singing on national platforms ever since; and

WHEREAS, during the summer of 2011 at age 11, Jada was selected as a finalist out of over 8,000 people in Kansas City to sing for the X Factor national television show before celebrity judges LA Reid, Brittny Spears, and Demi Lovato and received a resounding “YES” to move forward to the final rounds; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 13, Jada made history by appearing in over 5 million homes across the globe as the youngest artist ever on the Dorinda Clark Show; and

WHEREAS, Jada is a proud member at the True Bethel Baptist Church where she's happy to display her vocal excellence and serve; and

WHEREAS, currently, Jada is a Junior full-time distance learning student at the illustrious Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, at Fisk, Jada has achieved many accolades including: apprentice for the Fisk Jubilee singers, Student Ambassador and orientation leader for incoming freshman, Fisk University Choir member, Student Community Volunteer for "Bus Stop Strong" an after school mentoring program for Socio-economically disadvantaged students in Davidson County, Praise and Worship leader while in school at the Church Without Walls in Nashville, TN., Campus Security Dispatcher, and Student Worker in the Office of Student Accounts; and

WHEREAS, additionally, Jada auditioned for the televised show The Voice twice and been invited as a featured guest more recently in March 2020 on the Steve Harvey show; and

WHEREAS, very soon after her debut on the Steve Harvey show, Jada was given the opportunity to audition for Sunday Best Season 10 and out of thousands of contestants across the country, she was blessed to be in the Top 3; and

WHEREAS, Jada has shared platforms with Gospel greats such artist as Dr. Judith McAllister, Pastor Kim Burrell, Pastor Donnie McClurkin, Dottie Peoples, Dorinda Clark-Cole , and a plethora of other noted artists; and

WHEREAS, she was honored to be the invited special guest at West Angeles Cathedral for the New Generation Youth Conference last year with Bishop and Lady Blake in Los Angeles, California and has traveled to Virginia, Texas, Michigan, Illinois, Tennessee, and various other places using her gift to glorify God; and

WHEREAS, through it all, Jada Alana Spight has accomplished and achieved so much at her age and this Honorable Body acknowledges her testimony, vocal excellence and hard work worthy of such praise.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby recognize and extend our congratulations to ***Jada Alana Spight*** and best wishes on her current singing competition on BET's Sunday Best and all future musical ambitions with many more accolades to come.

Hon. April N.M. Baskin
Erie County Legislator, 2nd District

Robert M. Graber
Clerk of the Legislature