

The James Jay Dudley Luce Foundation
2018 Candlelight Award

For Leadership Efforts in Support of Immigrant Youth in New York City

Presented to

Prof. Lenni B. Benson

Professor of Law, New York Law School

Founder and Senior Advisor, Safe Passage Project

WHEREAS Lenni B. Benson is Professor of Law at New York Law School, past adjunct professor at Columbia University teaching both immigration and refugee law, and is Founder, Director and Senior Advisor of The Safe Passage Project in New York City;

WHEREAS Safe Passage Project recruits, trains and mentors lawyers and student volunteers willing to represent immigrant youth on a *pro bono* basis and Prof. Benson teaches a clinic of advanced students who screen immigrant youth at the New York Immigration Court;

WHEREAS Prof. Benson has been teaching and writing in the field of immigration law since 1994 and serves on several city, state and national taskforces devoted to expanding resources for immigrants, especially unaccompanied migrant children, and is an international speaker on immigration topics;

WHEREAS Prof. Benson has served as Chair of the Immigration and Nationality Law Committee for the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, and a consultant/researcher for both the Administrative Conference of the United States and the Brookings Institution;

WHEREAS Prof. Benson is an emeritus trustee of the American Immigration Law Foundation (now the American Immigration Council) and a fellow of the American Bar Foundation, and has served on the Board of the Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law;

WHEREAS Lenni Benson embodies the characteristics of honor, intelligence, benevolence, and integrity;

BE IT KNOWN to all gathered here and connected around the world that the James J.D. Luce Foundation hereby confers all Honors & Salutations to Lenni B. Benson its 2018 Candlelight Awardee at the 18th Annual Leadership here in The Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia, New York City this Thursday, March 1, Two Thousand and Eighteen.

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