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Senate Resolution No. 1331

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING Elejmal Temple No. 185 upon the occasion of hosting its Potentate Ball from July 21-23, 2023

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Elejmal Temple No. 185 upon the occasion of hosting its Potentate Ball from July 21-23, 2023, at the Royal Regency Hotel in Yonkers, New York; and

WHEREAS, The first Nobel to demit to Elejmal Temple was Nobel William Seldon of Medina Temple No. 19, followed by Nobles Edward Woods and Nathan Wilburn of Medina No. 19 and Noble Earkett T. Haggins of Abu Bekr No. 91; and

WHEREAS, On August 12, 1974, Potentate Wilburn Gaither spoke with D.T. Dorothy M. Johnson, The Imperial Deputy of the Desert of New York about the forming of an Isis Club for Elejmal Temple; two days later, a letter was received from D.T. Johnson, the Imperial Deputy, dated August

13, 1974 informing him of a meeting arranged with the Imperial Commandress, D.T. Lucille I. Boyd, in convention city at the Daughters Headquarters, the Benjamin Franklin Hotel for discussion on this matter; and

WHEREAS, In January of 1974, with Past Matron Addie Gray No. 62 as president, the Isis Club of Elejmal was formed; under Past Potentate Eli J. Allen, the Daughters were created, the Temple dedicated and Elejmal Court was placed under Dispensation on August 14, 1976, with 30 members and Elejmal Court No. 171 was chartered; and

WHEREAS, Elejmal's Talent and Scholarship pageant has given the Court and Temple a first-place winner who represented New York State at their Annual Imperial Shrine Convention; they also had two second place winners on the state level; and

WHEREAS, The Clown Unit under Noble Moody has five members, and the Motor Patrol under the leadership of Noble Richard Upshaw has five members; and

WHEREAS, The Marching Unit under the Command of Commander of Display, Past Potentate Samuel Robinson and the various Presidents, has received eight trophies from Imperial Council, co-winners Membership Increase 1975-1976; Third Place Marching Unit, Longest Marching Unit, Los Angeles, 1976; Third Place, Marching Unit, Kansas City, 1978; L.M.S. Runner Up, 1979; First Place, Marching Unit, New York City, 1979; Imperial Council Membership Increase by 10%, 1980; Third Place Marching

Unit, 1980; and First Place, New York States Association, I.B.P.O.E. of White Plains, 1981; and

WHEREAS, The Elejmal Thundering Third Drum Corps, a group of

approximately 40 young girls and boys, ages six through 18 who were once named the Yonder Challenger's; in 1974, they marched for the first time under the Temple Banner in White Plains; today, this Drum Corps is sponsored by Elejmal Temple; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations and individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Elejmal Temple No. 185 upon the occasion of hosting its Potentate Ball from July 21-23, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Elejmal Temple No. 185.