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Senate Resolution No. 1334

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMEMORATING the 1st Anniversary of Superstars on
the Spectrum LLC

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize those established organizations within our communities that, year after year, diligently work to improve the quality of life for its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 1st Anniversary of Superstars on the Spectrum, celebrated at an event on Friday, May 5, 2023; and

WHEREAS, LaShawna Brown is a passionate educator and founder of Superstars on the Spectrum, a groundbreaking online magazine that provides resources and highlights children and young adults with special needs on their capabilities; and

WHEREAS, As an educator for over 10 years within the New York City school system, LaShawna Brown has been devoted to the empowerment and enrichment of youth, and as a mother of three, she has always been dedicated to providing the best possible support and resources for her children; and

WHEREAS, When her son was diagnosed with autism, LaShawna Brown

realized there was a major gap in the information and resources available for families of children with special needs, especially in the Black and Brown community; and

WHEREAS, This inspired LaShawna Brown to launch Superstars on the Spectrum and create a space that regardless of their disabilities, her son and others like him could feel seen and celebrated; additionally, she wanted to offer a sense of community and support for caregivers and parents; and

WHEREAS, Through her tireless efforts, LaShawna Brown has developed Superstars on the Spectrum into a platform that provides information and support, while highlighting the capabilities of young individuals with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Drawing from LaShawna Brown's own personal experiences and leveraging the knowledge of experts in the field, the online magazine is a resource for parents, caregivers, and educators; through her magazine, she is able to share her son's story with the world, highlight the advocates that fight for disability justice, and raise awareness about the challenges and triumphs of living with autism; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her work with the magazine, LaShawna Brown is active with numerous organizations and supports her community in various capacities; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations 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 commemorate the 1st Anniversary of Superstars on the Spectrum; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to LaShawna Brown, Founder, Superstars on the Spectrum.