

## 2023-J1312

Senate Resolution No. 1312

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Right Worshipful Dayequan El-Amin, Most Worshipful Gregory R. Smith, Most Worshipful Gregory R. Smith Jr., Right Worshipful Reverend Dr. Darren Morton, and Derek Phillips upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by Electa Chapter No. 14, Prince Hall Order Eastern Star, State of New York, on June 24, 2023

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens who would devote their life's work and purpose to community service, contributing to the welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Right Worshipful Dayequan El-Amin, Most Worshipful Gregory R. Smith, Most Worshipful Gregory R. Smith Jr., Right Worshipful Reverend Dr. Darren Morton, and Derek Phillips upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by Electa Chapter No. 14, Prince Hall Order Eastern Star, State of New York, at its Father Appreciation Luncheon and Father-Daughter Dance, "Salute to Our Kings," on June 24, 2023, at the Prince Hall Masonic Temple in Harlem, New York; and

WHEREAS, Chartered as a member of the Prince Hall family on June 6, 1916, Electa Chapter No. 14 has provided outstanding service to the

surrounding community for over 100 years; and

WHEREAS, This year's distinguished honorees include: Right Worshipful Dayequan El-Amin, Adelpic Union Lodge No. 14, Outstanding Father Award; Most Worshipful Gregory R. Smith, Past Grand Master Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of NY, Legacy Award; Most Worshipful Gregory R. Smith Jr., Grand Master Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of NY, Legacy Award; Right Worshipful Reverend Dr. Darren Morton, Comptroller City of Mount Vernon, Outstanding Father Award; and Derek Phillips, Real Dads Network, Community Service Award; and

WHEREAS, During the luncheon, the Scholarship Committee will also present the 2023 Reach for the STARS Scholarship to three deserving youth, and will recognize three outstanding fathers for their dedication to their family, the CRAFT and the community; and

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, These 2023 honoree have all given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently have been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which these men have displayed throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when 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 honor Right Worshipful Dayequan El-Amin, Most Worshipful Gregory R. Smith, Most Worshipful Gregory R. Smith Jr., Right Worshipful Reverend Dr. Darren Morton, and Derek Phillips upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by Electa Chapter No. 14, Prince Hall Order Eastern Star, State of New York, on June 24, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the aforementioned honorees.