

## 2023-J1304

Senate Resolution No. 1304

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING Grand Worthy Matron Yvonne Ladson upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Eureka Grand Chapter, Prince Hall Order Eastern Star, Inc., State of New York on May 29-30, 2023

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 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 honor Grand Worthy Matron Yvonne Ladson upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Eureka Grand Chapter, Prince Hall Order Eastern Star, Inc., State of New York, to be observed at its 126th Annual Grand Session on May 29-30, 2023, at the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown, New York; and

WHEREAS, Grand Worthy Matron Yvonne Ladson has given tirelessly of her time and energies to Eureka Grand Chapter, Prince Hall Order Eastern Star, Inc., State of New York, an adoptive rite of Freemasonry with teachings based on the Bible and whose objectives are charitable and benevolent; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to this vital organization, Sister Yvonne Ladson was Initiated as a member of Deborah Chapter No. 31 on March 18, 1988; she served the Chapter in the appointed positions of Adah, Esther, Electa, and Assistant Secretary, and was elected by the members as Associate Conductress, Conductress, and Associate Matron; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, Yvonne Ladson was elected Worthy Matron, the highest office of the Chapter; her work in Eureka Grand Chapter, under numerous administrations, included appointments as Grand Adah, District Deputy Grand Lecturer, District Deputy Grand Matron, Assistant Grand Lecturer, Grand Lecturer, and as a member of the Chapter of Sorrow and Administrative Degree Teams; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, Yvonne Ladson began her journey towards the Grand East as she was elected by the members of Eureka Grand Chapter to the station of Grand Associate Conductress of Eureka Grand Chapter; in June of 2021, she was elected and installed as Grand Worthy Matron of Eureka Grand Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, she is Past Most Royal Commandress of Bathsheba Royal Court No. 15 Order of Cyrene and Honorary Past Imperial Commandress Abu-Bekr Court No. 74 Daughters; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary woman is an active member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Freeport, New York; Freeport-Roosevelt NAACP; National Associate of Negro Business and

Professional Women's Clubs Central Nassau Club; and the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc., Beta Omicron Chapter; and

WHEREAS, In 2016, Yvonne Ladson retired from the Freeport School

District in Freeport after 34 years of devoted service as an elementary school teacher; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefits of others which Grand Worthy Matron Yvonne Ladson has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 Grand Worthy Matron Yvonne Ladson upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Eureka Grand Chapter, Prince Hall Order Eastern Star, Inc., State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Grand Worthy Matron Yvonne Ladson.