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Senate Resolution No. 1332

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING Mt. Zion chapter No. 59 upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Five Point Tea on September 24, 2023

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations of high purpose and worthy accomplishment whose endeavors have faithfully served the welfare of the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Mt. Zion chapter No. 59 upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Five Point Tea on Sunday, September 24, 2023; and

WHEREAS, In 1947, Mount Zion Lodge, a member of the Hiram Grand Lodge of New York, sought information on becoming affiliated with the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of New York; having applied and conformed to the requirements of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, on October 15, 1948, with Grand Master Louis Fair presiding and the Officers of the Lodge present, the members of the Lodge were warranted Mount Zion Lodge No. 90; and

WHEREAS, During that same period, there were female relatives of the members of Mount Zion Lodge who were members of a Mount Zion Chapter, as Eastern Star Chapter, under the jurisdiction of the United Grand Chapter

of New York, the female auxiliary of the Hiram Grand Lodge; with Mount Zion Lodge having become a part of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New York, 14 members of that Mount Zion Chapter applied to Eureka Grand Chapter to be admitted as a Chapter; and

WHEREAS, On June 5, 1951, during the second administration of Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Frances E. Francis and Worthy Grand Patron Bro. Charles C. Quander, those females were chartered as Mount Zion chapter No. 59, a subordinate Chapter of Eureka Grand Chapter; and

WHEREAS, The first Worthy Matron of Mount Zion chapter No. 59 was Sister Lillie Abernathy and the first Worthy Patron was Brother James Evangelist Fraser; in its 72 year history, 61 Sisters served the Chapter as its Worthy Matron and 16 Brothers served as its Worthy Patron; and

WHEREAS, At the 114th Annual Grand Session of the Eureka Grand Session, which was held at the Rye Town Hilton Hotel, on June 1, 2009, Sister Julia F. Holland was elected to serve the Grand Chapter as its Grand Worthy Matron; and

WHEREAS, In the appendant bodies of the Prince Hall Affiliates bodies in the State of New York, in the years 1994 to 2005, Sister Bobbie O'Garro served as the Most Royal Grand Commandress of the Prince Hall Grand Court, Order of Cyrene; other members of Mount Zion chapter No. 59 who served as the Most Royal Grand Commandress of the Prince Hall Grand Court Order of Cyrene were Maxine Colden, Laura Green and Hazel Searles; and

WHEREAS, In the New York State Grand Assembly, Order of the Golden Circle, Sister Minnie L. Hall and Dorothy Williams served the Jurisdiction as its State Loyal Lady Rulers; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Mt. Zion chapter No. 59 is in direct correlation to the efforts of its leaders and its members, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proudly moved to honor and commend the members of the Mt. Zion chapter No. 59, past and present, who have labored so conscientiously to secure and improve the quality of life for the community it serves; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Mt. Zion chapter No. 59 upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Five Point Tea on Sunday, September 24, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of Mt. Zion chapter No. 59.