

## 2023-J2036

Senate Resolution No. 2036

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING Abu Bekr Temple No. 91 Oasis of  
Brooklyn Desert of New York upon the occasion of  
hosting its Annual Potentates Ball

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 Abu Bekr Temple No. 91 Oasis of Brooklyn Desert of New York upon  
the occasion of hosting its Annual Potentates Ball, honoring Kevin O.  
Manley at the Sonesta in White Plains, New York from March 31 - April 2,  
2024; and

WHEREAS, Abu Bekr Temple No. 91 Oasis of Brooklyn, Desert of New  
York was chartered August 20, 1949, and resides at 70 Pennsylvania  
Avenue Brooklyn, New York; the temple was incorporated in 1975; and

WHEREAS, The Annual Potentates Ball is an event to honor the current  
Illustrious Potentate and the members of Abu Bekr Temple No. 91 for all  
the charity work done throughout the year, ranging from voter  
registration programs to their back-to-school program to community

feeding initiatives, among many other endeavors; and

WHEREAS, In 1972, Past Potentate John W. Edgehill of Abu Bekr Temple No. 91 served as the Imperial Potentate of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America and its Jurisdiction's, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Temple units such as the Temple Mounted Unit and the Temple Marching Unit, while attending the various Imperial Sessions around the Nation for the past 25 years have won many awards, the most recent being First Place in 2022 while attending Imperial Session in St. Louis Missouri; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals and institutions 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 Abu Bekr Temple No. 91 Oasis of Brooklyn Desert of New York upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Potentates Ball; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Illustrious Potentate Kevin O. Manley and the Abu Bekr Temple.