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Senate Resolution No. 2064

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Tappan Zee Lodge No. 79 Free and Accepted
Masons Prince Hall Affiliation of Pearl River, New
York, upon the occasion of hosting its 54th Annual
Widows Breakfast

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those fraternal 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 honor Tappan Zee Lodge No. 79 Free and Accepted Masons Prince Hall Affiliation of Pearl River, New York, upon the occasion of hosting its 54th Annual Widows Breakfast on Sunday, April 28, 2024, honoring Past Master Jason Hilton; and

WHEREAS, The Free and Accepted Masons is the oldest fraternal organization in the world, dating back 3,000 years or more; Tappan Zee Lodge No. 79, chartered on December 17, 1932, has been successful, throughout its 91-year history, as a significant influence in the community by providing leadership, a principled way of life that is deeply rooted in a system of values, social benevolence, emphasis on individual excellence, and its service as a stabilizing force in the community; and

WHEREAS, Tappan Zee Lodge No. 79, under the careful watch of Worshipful Master Jason Curate and the Most Worshipful Grand Master Gregory R. Smith, Jr., the Members of the New York State Legislature support the Lodge's tradition of its 54th Annual Widows Breakfast, honoring Past Master Jason Hilton, and take the time to honor and support the widows of the members who have ascended from their earthly masonic journeys; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, the Members of the New York State Legislature acknowledge the good work and upholding of the Lodge's traditions under the benevolent leadership of Worshipful Master Jason Curate and the consistent drive toward excellence provided by Most Worshipful Grand Master Gregory R. Smith, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, The principles of freemasonry compel these dedicated members of Tappan Zee Lodge No. 79 to dispense charity while maintaining integrity and honesty in their communities; belief in God, family, and community are the core values of their organization; they continue honorable and charitable work, sustaining the tradition of perpetuating the mason's oath on behalf of all members who are in the Upper Room; and

WHEREAS, The Widows Breakfast was established to bestow honor and pay tribute to the widows of the members of Tappan Zee Lodge No. 79 and has remained a fundamental component of the Lodge as an annual event not only of remembrance but also of thanks to those who have passed on, as well as respect to their beloved partners who supported them in their journeys and good community works; and

WHEREAS, From time to time, this Legislative Body takes note of certain altruistic organizations it wishes to acknowledge for their philanthropic and community-oriented contributions to our society which

enhance the basic humanity among all the citizens of New York State; we take this opportunity to reflect, acknowledging and giving thanks to our past elders for all they have accomplished in the name of good; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proudly moved to honor and commend the members of Tappan Zee Lodge No. 79, past and present, and their dedicated partners who have labored so conscientiously to secure and improve the quality of life for the community they serve; we give our most heartfelt expression of love and gratitude to all the widows of the Lodge; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Tappan Zee Lodge No. 79 Free and Accepted Masons Prince Hall Affiliation of Pearl River, New York, upon the occasion of hosting its 54th Annual Widows Breakfast; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Past Master Jason Hilton, Tappan Zee Lodge No. 79.