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Senate Resolution No. 2112

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING the Grand Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons of New York State upon the occasion of hosting its 178th Annual Grand Lodge Session Communication on June 14-16, 2024

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 the Grand Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons of New York State upon the occasion of hosting its 178th Annual Grand Lodge Session Communication on June 14-16, 2024, at the Hilton Albany, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York belongs to the global network of Freemasons, the largest and oldest fraternal order in the world; it is the administrative body that oversees more than 500 Masonic lodges across New York State; and

WHEREAS, Every state in the U.S., the District of Columbia, and many countries around the world have their own sovereign and independent Grand Lodge that presides over Freemasonry in their respective

jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons of New York State brings men of integrity together in brotherhood with a common bond in the shared belief that every man can, and should, step into his best self and make a difference in the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, An organization of righteous men, the Grand Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons of New York State is steadfastly committed to serving its community for a brighter future through acts of charity, community service, and good deeds which are an expression of its love for humanity and a path for self-improvement; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of 178 years of success through the trials and tribulations of this country and state, the brothers of Free and Accepted Masons have not only preserved but have found continued ways to grow and nurture the communities in which they work, pray, and model the importance of being a man of upright standing to the next generation; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Grand Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons of New York State is in direct correlation to the efforts its most benevolent leader, the Most Worshipful Grand Master Gregory R. Smith Jr., and its dedicated 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 Grand Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons of New York State, 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 the Grand Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons of New York State upon the occasion of hosting its 178th Annual Grand Lodge Session Communication on June 14-16, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Most Worshipful Grand Master Gregory R. Smith Jr., Grand Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons of New York State.