

## 2023-J2557

Senate Resolution No. 2557

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING the Brooklyn Chapter of the NAACP upon  
the occasion of hosting its 2024 Spring Fling  
Membership Soiree on June 1, 2024

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and  
pay tribute to those enduring organizations which devote their  
purposeful energies to improving the quality and dignity of life of  
those they serve, to preserving their heritage, and to fostering pride  
among them; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its  
long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to  
commend the Brooklyn Chapter of the NAACP upon the occasion of hosting  
its 2024 Spring Fling Membership Soiree on Saturday, June 1, 2024, at  
the Major R. Owens Health and Wellness Center in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The first meeting of the Branch, held at the Brooklyn  
Academy of Music in December 1920, was an anti-lynching meeting;  
attending that first meeting were Congressman Leonidas C. Dyer of  
Missouri, who introduced the Anti-Lynching Bill in Congress, as well as  
Senator Joseph Frank of Maryland, an unwavering anti-lynching  
campaigner; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, the Brooklyn Branch of the NAACP has gained  
a reputation as one of the largest, most effective, and influential

branches of the NAACP; it was chartered in 1922, and at its peak, the branch boasted a membership of some 10,000 people; and

WHEREAS, Since its reorganization in June of 2005, the Brooklyn Branch of the NAACP has emerged with a young and committed leadership determined to build on the branch's rich legacy of activism and defending the social, economic, political, and legal rights of people of color; and

WHEREAS, The NAACP's Spring Membership Soiree is both a celebration and a call to action for people who uphold the NAACP's mission to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, The Brooklyn Branch and the NAACP as a whole work to achieve equality of rights and eliminate racial prejudice among the citizens of the United States, remove all barriers of racial discrimination through democratic processes, seek enactment and enforcement of federal, state, and local laws securing civil rights, inform the public of the adverse effects of racial discrimination and to seek its elimination, and to educate persons as to their constitutional rights and to take all lawful action to secure the exercise thereof, and to take any other lawful action in furtherance of these objectives true to their heart; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are

brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

commend the Brooklyn Chapter of the NAACP upon the occasion of hosting its 2024 Spring Fling Membership Soiree on June 1, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Brooklyn Chapter of the NAACP.