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Senate Resolution No. 2589

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order
Nobles Mystic Shrine upon the occasion of
celebrating Jubilee Day on June 2, 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 Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine upon the occasion
of celebrating Jubilee Day on Sunday, June 2, 2024; and

WHEREAS, The history of Jubilee Day began in August 1914 with a
lawsuit against the Order, which ended in a historic decision by The
United States Supreme Court on June 3, 1929; and

WHEREAS, The lawsuit attempted to deprive the Ancient Egyptian
Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine of the right to work and be recognized
as Shriners; it also extended those implications to all appending Prince
Hall Masons established in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, The nine Supreme Court Justices' unanimous decision upheld
the rights of this vital organization's members to work and be

recognized as Shriners; it also legitimized Prince Hall Masonry in this country, including other Fraternal Orders composed of black members, which are of organizations, doctrine, and purpose as those consisting of white members; and

WHEREAS, Prince Hall Masonry has thrived for 200 years and will continue to be a vital resource for the Black communities all throughout the State and the country for countless years to come; and

WHEREAS, The Imperial Officers, Illustrious Potentates, Commandresses, current ranking officers, and Nobles will gather to commemorate Jubilee Day on Sunday, June 2, 2024, to the memory of that historic decision of the United States Supreme Court on June 3, 1929, and dedicate this service to those members of the Order who have given unselfishly of their substance to the end which justice prevailed; and

WHEREAS, The Worldwide Fraternal Shrine Family has a membership of approximately 35,000 in some 227 Shrine Temples and 200 Courts, its women's auxiliary, the Daughters of Isis, throughout the Continental United States, Canada, Germany, Italy, England, Spain, Hawaii, Japan, Korea, Guam, Thailand, Panama, and the Bahamas; and

WHEREAS, The Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine is primarily a benevolent, charitable, and fraternal organization; its dedicated membership is committed to fostering civic, economic, and educational development programs worldwide; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proudly moved to honor and commend the members of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine, 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 Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine upon the occasion of celebrating Jubilee Day on June 2, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine.