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Senate Resolution No. 943

BY: Senator CLEARE

COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of the
Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes great pride in recognizing and celebrating institutions of historical and cultural significance that have played an essential role in shaping our communities and preserving our histories; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture of Harlem, New York, to be celebrated at its Centennial Festival on Saturday, June 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture is a national landmark and is recognized as a world-renowned research center within the New York Public Library system; and

WHEREAS, With a collection of 11 million items, the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture is the world's leading cultural institution devoted to the research, preservation, and exhibition of materials focused on African American, African Diasporic, and African experiences; and

WHEREAS, Since its founding in 1925, the Schomburg Center for

Research in Black Culture has remained committed to the preservation and exhibition of its collection for local, national, and international communities; and

WHEREAS, The wide-ranging and expansive collection of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture illuminates the richness of global Black history, arts, and culture; and

WHEREAS, As a research center of the New York Public Library, the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture boasts an array of public programs that elevate the visibility of its extensive archive, convene the public in meaningful conversations, celebrate the brilliance of the African Diaspora, and promote historical literacy in the context of Black life; and

WHEREAS, To celebrate its 100 years of operation, the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture is hosting its Schomburg Centennial Festival on Saturday, June 14, 2025, which will feature readings, panel discussions, workshops, photo activations, bookish marketplace, a mobile library, musical performances, a block party, and more; and

WHEREAS, The dedicated staff and volunteers of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture have worked tirelessly to uphold its long-standing reputation, and together they have committed to supporting all individuals that engage with their organization and programs; and

WHEREAS, For 100 years, the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture has served as a testament to the important connection between

history, research, and community, and this noble organization has proven the undeniable impact that research institutions can have on local residents and visitors alike; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture of Harlem, New York, recognizing its cultural significance and its continued service to the community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture.