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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending One Hundred Black Men, Inc. of New York upon the occasion of hosting its Beautillion/Cotillion to celebrate the Jr. 100 Class of 2015 on May 30, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations which foster ethnic pride and enhance the profile of cultural diversity which strengthens the fabric of the communities of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend One Hundred Black Men, Inc. of New York upon the occasion of hosting its Beautillion/Cotillion to celebrate the Jr. 100 Class of 2015 on Saturday, May 30, 2015, at the Hilton Midtown, New York City; and

WHEREAS, One Hundred Black Men, Inc. began in New York City in 1963, as an organization of like-minded business, political and community leaders who met to advocate for improvement in conditions in their communities; and

WHEREAS, These remarkable gentlemen envisioned an organization which would capitalize on the collective power of community to address issues of inequities and to empower African Americans to become agents of change in their communities; these visionaries were business and industry leaders such as Robert Mangum, Cyril Tyson, J. Bruce Llewellyn, Livingston Wingate, Andrew Hatcher and David Dinkins, who forever changed the face of black social, economic and political empowerment; and

WHEREAS, As a symbol of solidarity, the group embraced the name, One Hundred Black Men; this new, powerful civic organization would grow to be the voice of numerous black business, social and community leaders;

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WHEREAS, A community and youth-serving group, One Hundred Black Men, Inc. provides scholarships, educational support, economic empowerment, mentoring, health and wellness initiatives and an overall voice of the African American community; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, the Eagle Academy for Young Men in the Bronx was founded by members of One Hundred Black Men, Inc.; it was the first all-male public school to open in New York City in 30 years; in 2008, a second Eagle Academy opened in Brooklyn, and in 2010, a Queens school opened; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, One Hundred Black Men, Inc. plays a proactive role in leveraging its collective talent, ability and energy toward achieving meaningful gains for the African American community; its initiatives focus on education through mentoring, wealth building strategies, fostering economic development and raising awareness of health issues affecting its communities; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous leadership of President, Michael J. Garner, One Hundred Black Men, Inc. continually seeks to provide leadership in the African American community through engaged partnerships, educational institutions, community activism and philanthropy; its goal is to engage its communities to address inequities, and seek social and economic justice; and

WHEREAS, The national organization, 100 Black Men of America, Inc., based in Atlanta, Georgia, began in 1986, and has grown to a confederation of over 116 chapters internationally; it has become one of the preeminent African American organizations that champion issues that face our communities; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor those organizations and individuals of significance who add strength, vigor, and inspiration to the ethnic diversity and quality of life in the communities of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend One Hundred Black Men, Inc. of New York upon the occasion of hosting its Beautillion/Cotillion to celebrate the Jr. 100 Class of 2015 on May 30, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael J. Garner, President, One Hundred Black Men, Inc. of New York.