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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Brooklyn NAACP upon the occasion of hosting its Freedom Fund Reception and Awards Ceremony on June 16, 2016, and paying tribute to this year's honorees

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; 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 NAACP upon the occasion of hosting its Freedom Fund Reception and Awards Ceremony on Thursday, June 16, 2016, at Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn, New York, and to pay tribute to this year's honorees; and

WHEREAS, The Freedom Fund Reception and Awards Ceremony is the premier event for the Brooklyn NAACP, highlighting local initiatives and enabling this vital organization to carry out its many programs and services, advancing the cause of social justice in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Crystal Bobb-Semple, recipient of the President's Award, has been at the forefront of literacy and educational equality for Central Brooklyn for the last 15 years; her current company, Plato Learning, is an after-school and summer literacy organization that has served more than 3,000 families since 2010; and

WHEREAS, Golanda Trim, recipient of the Member of the Year Award, is a proud member of the Brooklyn NAACP and Chairperson of the Branch Civic Engagement Committee; she currently works at NYU Research Foundation, is a TASC/GED instructor and a graduate student at Pace University; and

WHEREAS, Tywan Anthony, recipient of the Valiant Service Award, is a

dynamic young professional with great community leadership and real estate management experience; he currently works as Senior Real Estate Asset Manager for Centrock Corporation, a real estate development, management and investment firm; and

WHEREAS, Renae Bluitt, recipient of the Entrepreneurship Award, is the founder of Crush Media and is a dedicated public relations (PR) and lifestyle marketing specialist who understands the power of brand devotion; she has successfully executed PR and event programs for household brands such as ESSENCE, Pantene, Cover Girl, Kraft Foods, Coca-Cola and Citibank; and

WHEREAS, David Greaves, recipient of the Freedom Star Award, was born in Kings County and raised in Crown Heights and Bedford-Stuyvesant; he is the publisher of OUR TIME PRESS, a newspaper he created with the goal to create a vehicle that would bring information to the African-American community; and

WHEREAS, Kierna Mayo, recipient of the Leadership in Commerce & Industry Award, serves as Editor-in-Chief and Vice President of Digital Content at EBONY MAGAZINE; she is responsible for maintaining the tonal and aesthetic consistency of the EBONY brand across all platforms; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Brooklyn NAACP upon the occasion of hosting its Freedom Fund Reception and Awards Ceremony on June 16, 2016, and to pay tribute to this year's honorees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Brooklyn NAACP and the aforementioned honorees.