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Senate Resolution No. 296

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING the Brooklyn - Long Island Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Metro City Founders Day Event on January 28, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 - Long Island Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Metro City Founders Day Event on Saturday, January 28, 2017, at the Dazzler Hotel, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. was founded on January 5, 1911, by 10 extraordinary young men at Indiana University, each of whom strived to enrich the communities in which they lived, through excellence in education, profession, and service; and

WHEREAS, These young men, having a strong foundation of brotherhood

and promoting achievement in every field of human endeavor, laid the legacy for a dynamic organization which currently is comprised of over 250,000 members and 721 chapters, both domestic and international; and

WHEREAS, Across the globe, Kappa Alpha Psi has positively affected millions of youth, families, and community organizations through mentorship, community service and philanthropy; and

WHEREAS, In order to further share the image and concept of Kappa Alpha Psi, the Brooklyn-Long Island Alumni was chartered on April 9, 1949; the original 15 members worked diligently to better their Brooklyn community in a myriad of ways including annual Thanksgiving turkey drives, toy drives, mentorship programs for youth, and, in conjunction with local foundations, graciously donated significant funds to inner-city high school students entering college; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those organizations which enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of 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 - Long Island Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Metro City Founders Day Event; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Brooklyn - Long Island Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.