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Senate Resolution No. 705

BY: Senator COMRIE

COMMEMORATING the 25th Anniversary of the Gotham Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. on March 12, 2017

WHEREAS, In the course of the evolving development of this Empire State, if the ingredients of shared concern and responsive endeavor combine in the commitment to society, there have emerged among the distinguished citizens of the State of New York certain organizations which warrant special recognition; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those illustrious organizations of the State of New York whose focus and intent have made a substantial impact on the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Gotham Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc., to be celebrated on Sunday, March 12, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Chartered on September 8, 1964, in Tyler, Texas, Top Ladies of Distinction (TLOD), Inc. is a non-profit professional humanitarian, educational and interracial organization; and

WHEREAS, Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. is composed of distinguished women throughout the country who are interested in the well-being of all individuals, and in the preservation of values significant to wholesome living; and

WHEREAS, The Gotham Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. was established on April 25, 1992 by 12 ladies who had a vision to serve the Queens Nassau areas; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, the Gotham Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction enhances the status of all women, implements programs for its youth, and enriches the optimal living of its senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this vital organization has been instrumental in keeping America beautiful by enhancing the communities which we live through beautification, green living, sustainability, and the fostering of an eco-friendly lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, Through its Top Teens of America program, the Gotham Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. provides opportunities for the healthy development of youth through activities which will enhance educational, social, moral, spiritual, cultural and emotional development; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to the community, the Gotham Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. maintains numerous community partnerships some of which include, the Ronald McDonald House, Dress for Success, the National Association of the Advancement of Colored People, the National

Council of Negro Women, and the National Caucus of the Black Aged, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished 25 year history, the Gotham Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Gotham Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. is in direct correlation to the efforts of its members, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Gotham Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized and applauded by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Gotham Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. on March 12, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Gotham Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.