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Senate Resolution No. 82

BY: Senator COMRIE

COMMENDING the Majlis Ash-Shura: Islamic Leadership Council of New York upon the occasion of celebrating its 30th Anniversary on February 10, 2019

WHEREAS, Religious organizations, and the many spiritual, social and educational benefits they confer, play a vital role in the development of the moral fabric of a responsible citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of this State and this nation to pay tribute to those institutions and individuals who have contributed to the ethical and spiritual values of their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Majlis Ash-Shura: Islamic Leadership Council of New York upon the occasion of its 30th Anniversary to be celebrated at a Banquet on Sunday, February 10, 2019, at Grand Prospect Park in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion, full of inspiration, appreciation and reflection, will give New York City's Muslim community the opportunity to reflect upon this year's theme, "Celebrating our Legacy," through an exciting line up of speakers: esteemed Islamic scholars, Imam Omar Suleiman and Dr. Yasir Qadhi; immigration lawyer, Khalila Sabra; and renowned spiritual leader, Imam Talib Abdur-Rashid; and

WHEREAS, For three decades, Majlis Ash-Shura: Islamic Leadership Council of New York has strived to serve the Muslim community's needs as it works toward a just and prosperous future; and

WHEREAS, Founded in February of 1989, Majlis Ash-Shura: Islamic Leadership Council of New York was established to provide a uniform voice on matters which concern the Muslim community; as an umbrella of over 90 mosques and organizations, the Council serves as the official representative of its members with the media, organizations, advocacy groups, political candidates, and government institutions; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Majlis Ash-Shura: Islamic Leadership Council of New York advises and consults with its members on various key issues built on Islamic values, and the physical, social, and spiritual development of local communities; and

WHEREAS, As an organization which emphasizes working closely with the Muslim community on the grassroots level, Majlis Ash-Shura: Islamic Leadership Council of New York recognizes the importance of having a diverse membership to adequately represent the entire community's interests; its members preside over communities and are led by people from all walks of life, men, women, imams, advocates and people of various ethnic and racial backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of enduring religious organizations and to bring such organizations to the attention of the people of this Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Majlis Ash-Shura: Islamic Leadership Council of New York upon the occasion of celebrating its 30th Anniversary on February 10, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Majilis Ash-Shura: Islamic Leadership Council of New York.