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Senate Resolution No. 1568

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING Fannie Porter posthumously upon the occasion of being named a Legacy Honoree by the National Association of University Women, Brooklyn Branch, on June 8, 2019

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens who would devote their life's work and purpose to community service, contributing to the welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Fannie Porter posthumously upon the occasion of being named a Legacy Honoree by the National Association of University Women, Brooklyn Branch, to be celebrated at its 65th Anniversary Scholarship and Awards Brunch on Saturday, June 8, 2019, at Top Civic Center, Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1910 and incorporated in 1924, the mission of the National Association of University Women (NAUW) is to serve women, youth and the disadvantaged in the communities of this nation, as well as in developing countries, by addressing educational issues, advancing the status of women's issues, and strategically partnering with allied organizations; and

WHEREAS, One of the earliest members of NAUW Brooklyn Branch, Fannie Porter served in many official capacities for this vital organization, including the esteemed position of President; and

WHEREAS, After receiving both her bachelor's and master's degrees in

Education from Hunter College, City University of New York, Fannie Porter continued her education at New York University and Penn State where she obtained her Supervision and Reading License; she also attended Long Island University, Brooklyn - Downtown Campus and obtained a degree in Language Arts and Reading; and

WHEREAS, Upon her retirement as a Principal of the New York City Board of Education in 1991, Fannie Porter pursued her passion for helping youth further their education and founded, along with her siblings, The Porter Foundation, Inc., which provides high school graduates with scholarships to begin their college education; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her role as President of the National Association of the University Women, Brooklyn Branch, Fannie Porter was a member of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa; she was also a member of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women-Brooklyn Chapter, and a member of the Brooklyn Reading Council; and

WHEREAS, An active member at Bethany Baptist Church since early childhood, Fannie Porter was the first Director of the Child Development Center, a member of the Christ Education Board, a Sunday-School teacher, Girl Scout Assistant, Scholarship Council and President of the Deaconess Board; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Fannie Porter, that future generations may know and appreciate her admirable character, her many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which she was held by her peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Fannie Porter posthumously upon the occasion of being named a Legacy Honoree by the National Association of University Women, Brooklyn Branch; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Fannie Porter.