

## 2019-J1710

Senate Resolution No. 1710

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING 500 Men Making a Difference upon the occasion of hosting its 4th Annual Ladies Brunch on May 25, 2019

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those organizations within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals and organizations it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend 500 Men Making a Difference upon the occasion of hosting its 4th Annual Ladies Brunch on Saturday, May 25, 2019, at the New York Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 2010 by Wayne Devonish, 500 Men Making a Difference, is a non-profit organization operating in the five boroughs of New York City; and

WHEREAS, 500 Men Making a Difference recruits, trains and matches

mentors who are eligible to support young men ages 12-22; and

WHEREAS, This vital organization is based in Brooklyn, New York, and engages young men in one-on-one mentoring, hands on community revitalization projects, group tutoring and volunteer placement; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, 500 Men Making a Difference recruits volunteers, provides mentors and develops leaders within the community; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished history, 500 Men Making a Difference has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of 500 Men Making a Difference is in direct correlation to the efforts of its dedicated members and volunteers, 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 500 Men Making a Difference; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 500 Men Making a Difference upon the occasion of hosting its 4th Annual Ladies Brunch on May 25, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Wayne Devonish, Principal Founder and Chairman, 500 Men Making a Difference.