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Senate Resolution No. 2001

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING Destiny Helpers Outreach Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its Miss Teen Brownsville Pageant on July 13, 2019

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 Destiny Helpers Outreach Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its Miss Teen Brownsville Pageant on Saturday, July 13, 2019, at Brookdale Auditorium in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, According to the 2016 New York City Community Health Profiles, the eastern Brooklyn neighborhood of Brownsville has a teen birth rate of 38.5% which is higher than the Brooklyn and citywide rates; in an effort to curb this alarming statistic and promote the strength of young women, the Miss Teen Brownsville Pageant was conceived; and

WHEREAS, With its title, "Beauty, Brains and Philanthropy Meet," the

pageant focuses on young female residents of Brownsville who are between ages 13 and 19; and

WHEREAS, The Miss Teen Brownsville Pageant strives to empower young women to not only appreciate their physical appearance, but also enlighten them about the importance of an education in order to achieve upward social mobility and sustainable development; and

WHEREAS, The Pageant also fosters lasting relationships among the contestants with individuals and organizations who encourage positive change and transformation in communities which are classified as the "hood", "inner cities" and the "projects"; and

WHEREAS, The sponsors of the Pageant truly hope it will ultimately lead to a reduction in teenage pregnancy and high school drop outs among the young women population in Brownsville; and

WHEREAS, The Miss Teen Brownsville Pageant will feature 10 young women who will compete in three categories: Sports Wear, Casual Wear and Formal/Evening Wear; in addition, the contestants will be expected to participate in the talent portion, and initiate a program targeting young women which will encourage communal unity across their community; the top five contestants will be asked questions relating to current affairs; and

WHEREAS, Contestants truly exemplify the potential inherent in our young women, and serve as outstanding role models for their peers and for the young people with whom they work and stand with poise and purpose to face the challenges of new experiences; 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 Destiny Helpers Outreach Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its Miss Teen Brownsville Pageant on July 13, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Destiny Helpers Outreach Inc.