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Senate Resolution No. 2817

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING African 459 Lodge No. 63, Brooklyn Prince Hall Masonic Temple upon the occasion of hosting its 2020 Divine Service on March 8, 2020

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations which foster ethnic pride and enhance the profile of cultural diversity which strengthens the fabric of the communities of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend African 459 Lodge No. 63, Brooklyn Prince Hall Masonic Temple upon the occasion of hosting its 2020 Divine Service under the spiritual leadership of Pastor Rashad Raymond Moore, to be held at First Baptist Church of Crown Heights, Brooklyn, New York, on Sunday, March 8, 2020; and

WHEREAS, African Lodge 459 was the founding lodge of Prince Hall Freemasonry; it is the lodge from which all modern Prince Hall Lodges trace their descent; and

WHEREAS, African 459 Lodge No. 63 is under the luminous direction of MW Walter C. King Jr., 33 GRAND MASTER; WM Darryl K. Taylor; SW Richard

Williams; DDGM Derek Pritchett; and JW Shane Gooding; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when institutions 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 African 459 Lodge No. 63, Brooklyn Prince Hall Masonic Temple upon the occasion of hosting its 2020 Divine Service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted African 459 Lodge No. 63, Brooklyn Prince Hall Masonic Temple, Brooklyn, New York.