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Senate Resolution No. 2565

BY: Senator CLEARE

COMMEMORATING the 55th Anniversary of Each One Teach One, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality and character of life of the citizens of New York State are greatly enriched by the availability of exceptional recreational institutions which have become an important part of the history of our State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 55th Anniversary of Each One Teach One, Inc., to be celebrated at a Rucker Pro Legends Event on Saturday, August 6, 2022, at the Alhambra Ballroom in New York, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1946, Holcombe Llewellyn Rucker, a New York City Playground Director and a World War II Veteran, organized a summer basketball league that reached thousands of youngsters in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his 14 years of running the Summer League, Holcombe L. Rucker was instrumental in sending approximately 700 young people to college, many of whom went on to play in the National Basketball Association; and

WHEREAS, Holcombe Rucker died in 1965, and the Rucker Pro

Tournament, also known as the Rucker Pro League, was created by Robert "Bob" McCullough and Fred Crawford in his honor; and

WHEREAS, In 1967, the Each One Teach One Youth League was created with a mission of using sports as a vehicle to prevent violence and motivate young boys and girls to pursue higher education and to explore various careers; and

WHEREAS, Each One Teach One specifically works with members of the Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) community from age six, through high school graduation; the tireless workers of this vital non-profit truly believe individual empowerment translates to indelible change, thus motivating radical, institutional changes in our evolving communities; and

WHEREAS, Through subject-specific tutoring, youth leadership clinics, and its mentorship program, Each One Teach One provides a positive experience and opportunity for students to improve their skills and build their self-esteem, translating to higher academic performance, school attendance, and greater opportunities for life after college; and

WHEREAS, This is accomplished through one on one and/or small group training in the sport of basketball; these lessons are designed to introduce, develop and master the physical and mental aspects of the game; and

WHEREAS, Through a variety of basketball tournaments, Each One Teach One and its staff of experienced coaches strive to highlight the overall

development of its members in teams for both boys and girls in the 10U, 12U, 14U and 16U divisions; and

WHEREAS, For the last 55 years, Each One Teach One and its staff have been dedicated to the inspiration, promotion, and development of today's youth through educational and athletic programs, changing the lives of thousands of New York City's young people; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body that New York State's invaluable cultural, educational, and recreational institutions should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 55th Anniversary of Each One Teach One, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Each One Teach One.