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Senate Resolution No. 553

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING Life of Hope upon the occasion of
hosting its Haitian Culture Day Parade and
Celebration

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize the profound impact of those exemplary organizations within the great State of New York which proactively work for the empowerment of cultural communities, and the importance of such work which benefits all citizens of this State, and indeed, all citizens of the Nation, should be rightfully commended; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Life of Hope upon the occasion of hosting its Haitian Culture Day Parade and Celebration on Saturday, May 13, 2023, in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Life of Hope was founded in 2006, and is a multifaceted organization that positively impacts the lives of youth and immigrant families in a manner that reflects both their identity and needs through innovative programs and services while fostering greater opportunities; and

WHEREAS, This illustrious organization serves over 45,000 youth and immigrant families, preparing them for success in obtaining and

maintaining meaningful careers; and

WHEREAS, The mission of Life of Hope is to be the central hub of hope, access, critical resources, and prosperity for youth and immigrant families in Central Brooklyn; the organization is working to expand and develop the Life of Hope Community Center to better transform the lives of residents who continue to suffer from historical and ongoing inequities; and

WHEREAS, As a champion for the legacy and contributions of Haitian Americans in the Diaspora, Life of Hope creates a safe space for the marginalized immigrant community whose status is exceptionally vulnerable, specifically including Haitian Americans, to celebrate heritage and culture while connecting individuals with one another and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, The Haitian Culture Day Parade and Celebration is a day off celebration with the goal of honoring and uplifting the Haitian community and the contributions they have made to New York and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Our society is greatly benefited by the purposeful efforts of individuals who unite for the cause of improving the quality of life for others, and who proactively work toward the goal of dignity for all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Life of Hope upon the occasion of hosting its Haitian Culture Day Parade and Celebration; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Life of Hope organization.

