

## 2023-J625

Senate Resolution No. 625

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING Sesame Flyers International Inc. upon  
the occasion of hosting their 40th Anniversary  
Celebration

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commend  
individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best  
interests of the youth in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its  
long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to  
commend Sesame Flyers International Inc. upon the occasion of hosting  
their 40th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, April 30, 2023, in  
Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, For years, Sesame Flyers International Inc. has proudly  
served the members of its community by providing a range of youth  
development, cultural, social welfare and supportive services to  
individuals and families residing in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, This important organization understands that part of loving  
children means presenting them with opportunities to acquire the  
knowledge, skills, technology, and equipment that will prepare them for  
the challenges yet to come; and

WHEREAS, Sesame Flyers International's goal of youth empowerment is

achieved and maintained through carefully structured programs designed to address the needs of children, their families, and their community; and

WHEREAS, For over a quarter century, residents of East Flatbush and Canarsie have relied on Sesame Flyers International for many year-round programs that preserve culture, tradition, and values; this year, over 7,000 individuals will come through Sesame Flyers' doors in search of some form of assistance; and

WHEREAS, Some of the programs and services Sesame Flyers International Inc. offers include tutoring young students, providing safe and nurturing spaces for children to play during the summer, organizing youth-led community service activities, job readiness programs, providing case management and counseling for families in crisis, giving adult learners access to GED programs and computer technology, and celebrating the rich traditions of Caribbean nations; and

WHEREAS, Thirteen-time winners of the Large Band category in the West Indian American Labor Day Parade, Sesame Flyers International, Inc. is extremely active and visible in the Caribbean community; throughout previous years, the West Indian American Labor Day Parade has drawn over 3.5 million spectators; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, a source of pride is Sesame Flyers' part in World Brooklyn, the Brooklyn Children's Museum exhibit which features the many cultures of the borough, where visitors can visit the Sesame Flyers Mas camp and are invited to learn about the culture by trying on costumes; and

WHEREAS, These illustrious organizations, which prove to enrich the lives of the youth of this State and Nation in their selfless everyday acts, deserve the utmost praise by this Legislative Body and its citizenry; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Sesame Flyers International Inc. upon the occasion of hosting their 40th Anniversary Celebration; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sesame Flyers International Inc.