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**SENATOR PARKER COMMENDS THE NOMINATION OF JUDGE
SHEILA ABDUS-SALAAM**

*CONGRATULATES THE GOVERNOR ON SELECTING THE FIRST
AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMAN FOR NEW YORK'S COURT OF APPEALS*

(Brooklyn, NY) “I commend Governor Andrew Cuomo for nominating a superior jurist, Sheila Abdus-Salaam, for a position on New York’s highest court. Judge Abdus-Salaam is not only a talented and knowledgeable legal scholar, but she also understands the challenges of everyday New Yorkers.

In addition to her years of experience on the bench as a trial and appellate judge, Judge Abdus-Salaam also served as a legal aid attorney in Brooklyn after graduating from Columbia Law School, and was an Assistant Attorney General. Judge Abdus-Salaam will also be the first African-American woman, and first Muslim, to sit on the Court of Appeals once she is confirmed by the New York State Senate. I look forward to her confirmation hearing.”

About Senator Kevin Parker

Senator Kevin S. Parker is intimately familiar with the needs of his ethnically diverse community in the heart of Brooklyn that consists of 318,000 constituents in Flatbush, East Flatbush, Midwood, Ditmas Park, Kensington, Windsor Terrace, and Park Slope. He is the Ranking Member of the Senate Energy and Telecommunications Committee, Assistant Democratic Leader for Intergovernmental Affairs, and Chair of the Democratic Task Force on New Americans.