

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Brooklyn Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its Tee and Tea Luncheon on Saturday, April 13, 2013

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Brooklyn Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its Tee and Tea Luncheon on Saturday, April 13, 2013, at Dyker Beach Golf Course in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The late Marion Stubbs Thomas founded Jack and Jill of America, incorporated on January 24, 1938, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; the Brooklyn Chapter was founded in 1952; and

WHEREAS, Twenty mothers came together to discuss creating an organization to provide social, cultural and educational opportunities for youth between the ages of two and nineteen; and

WHEREAS, Jack and Jill of America, Inc., is the oldest and largest African American family organization in the United States of America; it is an organization devoted to instilling volunteerism and philanthropy to children and families; and

WHEREAS, Today, Jack and Jill boasts over 220 chapters nationwide, representing over 30,000 family members; each chapter plans annual programming activities guided under a national theme; and

WHEREAS, The Brooklyn Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., now in its 61st year, has 81 member-families; and

WHEREAS, The Brooklyn Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. strives to improve the quality of life for women and children through its national motto, "Let's Work, Let's Play, Let's Live Together"; and

WHEREAS, The Brooklyn Chapter has led and supported a number of borough-wide initiatives and service programs as well as supported a number of nonprofit organizations throughout Brooklyn with volunteers and grants; and

WHEREAS, Recently, chapter members and their families have been an integral part in community outreach such as: hurricane relief for affected citizens of New York City; providing school supplies and toiletries for the Dominican Republic and countries of Africa; providing gifts for foster children of Mercy First, and supporting the food pantry at Child Development Support Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, the Brooklyn Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., continues a legacy of local charitable giving to support financially disadvantaged Brooklyn high school graduates currently attending a four-year college; and

WHEREAS, The Brooklyn Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. also makes charitable contributions to the Medgar Evers College Scholarship Fund, St. Francis College, The ICLA Da Silva Foundation, and Habitat for Humanity; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations 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 the Brooklyn Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. upon the

occasion of hosting its Tee and Tea Luncheon on Saturday, April 13, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Brooklyn Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.