

Senate Resolution No. 1696

BY: Senator HAMILTON

COMMEMORATING the 65th Anniversary of the Brooklyn Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. on May 6, 2017

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those organizations within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 65th Anniversary of the Brooklyn Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. to be celebrated at A Brooklyn Blue Note Affair on Saturday, May 6, 2017, at Terrace on the Park in Flushing, New York; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1938, Jack and Jill of America, Inc. is a membership organization of mothers with children ages 2-19 who are dedicated to nurturing future leaders by supporting children through leadership development, volunteer service, philanthropic giving and civic duty; and

WHEREAS, For almost eight decades, Jack and Jill of America has diligently worked to create a medium of contact for children which will stimulate growth and development and provide children constructive educational, cultural, civic, health, recreational and social programs; and

WHEREAS, Since 1952, the Brooklyn Chapter of Jack and Jill of America has been committed to engaging in community service, promoting health and wellness, and establishing a solid foundation grounded in philanthropy, leadership, and academic achievement for children; today, with 74 families, this vital organization stays true to its motto "Let's Work, Let's Play, Let's Live Together"; and

WHEREAS, For 65 years, the Chapter has strived to fulfill the national organization's theme: "Power and Potential: Parents Empowering Youth through Leadership Development, Cultural Heritage and Community Service" through 18 formal committees including fundraising, charities, technology, and community service; and

WHEREAS, The Brooklyn Chapter of Jack and Jill is constantly identifying opportunities and cultivating relationships in order to support a variety of efforts in Brooklyn and around the nation; from supporting recovery efforts of Sandy hurricane victims by physically donating clothes and food to organizing Political Brunches for our teens at the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, One of the Chapter's objectives is to increase academic success and educational opportunities to African-American students through a scholarship; the recipient of this incentive award must be in need, attend a Brooklyn or Staten Island High School, maintain a B/3.0 average or better in high school, and apply to a four year college, as

well as demonstrate exemplary achievements in the areas of scholarship, leadership and service in their community; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous leadership of President, Melinda Alexis-Hayes, Esq., the Brooklyn Chapter of Jack and Jill of America pledges to continue to act as an important pillar in its community in order to empower and enrich the lives of our families; 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 commemorate the 65th Anniversary of the Brooklyn Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Melinda Alexis-Hayes, Esq., President, the Brooklyn Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.