

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING St. Augustine's Episcopal Church upon the occasion of hosting its 29th Spring Luncheon and Scholarship Awards on May 21, 2017

WHEREAS, Religious institutions, and the many spiritual, social and educational benefits they confer, play a vital role in the development of the moral fabric of a responsible citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of this State and this Nation to pay tribute to those institutions and individuals who have contributed to the ethical and spiritual values of 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 St. Augustine's Episcopal Church upon the occasion of hosting its 29th Spring Luncheon and Scholarship Awards on Sunday, May 21, 2017, at Russo's on the Bay in Howard Beach, New York; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious event is an opportunity for honorees and scholarship recipients to join in fellowship with the parishioners of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church is a diverse, dynamic Christian faith community in the Episcopal/Anglican tradition located in the heart of East Flatbush, Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, The Church strives to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ by providing opportunities for new people to enter into its community of faith, know and care about all individuals in its parish, rediscover continually that everyone belongs to each other and are one in Christ, develop and maintain a positive relationship between its parish and the wider community, and welcome all people and respect the dignity of every human being; and

WHEREAS, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church stands on the threshold of tomorrow, prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades while retaining that spiritual resolve which characterizes its past; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of enduring religious institutions and to bring such institutions to the attention of the people of this Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend St. Augustine's Episcopal Church upon the occasion of hosting its 29th Spring Luncheon and Scholarship Awards on May 21, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to St. Augustine's Episcopal Church.

