

BY: Senator HAMILTON

COMMEMORATING the 21st Anniversary of the Wall
Street Project

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commend those illustrious organizations of the State of New York whose focus and intent have made a substantial impact on the quality of life 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 commemorate the 21st Anniversary of the Wall Street Project, to be celebrated at its Economic Summit, "50 Years after the Assassination of Dr. King: The Struggle Continues for Freedom, Equity, and Inclusion in Corporate America," on February 8-9, 2018, at the Sheraton New York, Times Square Hotel, New York, New York; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1996, the Wall Street Project was officially launched by Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. and prominent minority business owners on January 15, 1997, Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday; and

WHEREAS, The Wall Street Project challenges Corporate America to end the multibillion-dollar trade deficit with minority vendors and consumers while working to ensure equal opportunities for culturally diverse employees, entrepreneurs and consumers; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, the Wall Street Project uses Operation Breadbasket's model of research, education, negotiation and reconciliation to promote inclusion, opportunity and economic growth; and

WHEREAS, The Wall Street Project encourages public and private industries to provide more business opportunities for minority and women-owned companies on Wall Street and throughout the financial services industry, as well as to improve hiring, promotion and retention practices; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, the organization promotes intra-trade relationships among diverse businesses and the naming of more minorities to corporate boards; and

WHEREAS, The Wall Street Project also works to increase funding for educational scholarships and voter registration education, and to increase financial literacy in minority and/or underserved communities through the work of the One Thousand Churches Connected program; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished 21-year history, the Wall Street Project has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Wall Street Project is in direct correlation to the efforts of its members, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Wall Street Project; 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 21st Anniversary of the Wall Street Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Wall Street Project.