

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING One Hundred Black Men, Inc. of New York upon the occasion of hosting its 38th Annual Benefit Gala, and paying tribute to this year's honorees on February 22, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations which foster ethnic pride and enhance the profile of cultural diversity which strengthens the fabric of the communities of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend One Hundred Black Men, Inc. of New York, upon the occasion of hosting its 38th Annual Benefit Gala, and to pay tribute to this year's honorees on Thursday, February 22, 2018, at Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel in New York, New York; and

WHEREAS, This year's Harlem Renaissance: Awakening a Generation of Leaders honorees include John Banks, President, Real Estate Board of New York; Rodney Capel, Vice President State Government Affairs, Northeast Charter Communications; Meredith Marshall, co-Founder, Managing Partner, BRP Companies; and Valerie Rainford, Advancing Black Leaders, JP Morgan Chase; and

WHEREAS, One Hundred Black Men, Inc. of New York began in New York City as an organization of like-minded business, political and community leaders which convened to capitalize on the collective power of the community to address issues of concern, inequities, and choosing to empower African Americans to be agents of change in their own communities; and

WHEREAS, True to its mission, One Hundred Black Men, Inc. of New York has played an active role in the African American community by providing scholarships, educational support, economic empowerment, mentoring, and health and wellness initiatives; and

WHEREAS, One Hundred Black Men, Inc. of New York also seeks to provide leadership in the African American community through engaged partnerships, educational institutions, and philanthropy; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor those organizations and individuals of significance who add strength, vigor, and inspiration to the ethnic diversity and quality of life in the communities of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend One Hundred Black Men, Inc. of New York upon the occasion of hosting its 38th Annual Benefit Gala, and to pay tribute to this year's honorees on February 22, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to One Hundred Black Men, Inc. of New York.