

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING the American Association of Blacks in Energy, New York Metropolitan Area Chapter upon the occasion of hosting its 2017 Executive Reception on February 23, 2017, and paying special tribute to this year's honorees

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

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the American Association of Blacks in Energy, New York Metropolitan Area Chapter upon the occasion of hosting its 2017 Executive Reception on Thursday, February 23, 2017, at Con Edison's Headquarters, in New York, New York; and

WHEREAS, This year's honorees include Tanzee Silver, Senior Engineer, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey; Samantha Tulloch, STEM Teacher, P.S. 282 in Brooklyn, New York; Sederick Dawkins, AABE-NYMAC/NYU Tandon School of Engineering; and Justin Sutton, AABE-NYMAC/NYU Tandon School of Engineering; and

WHEREAS, The American Association of Black in Energy (AABE) is a non-profit, national organization headquartered in Washington, D.C., with chapters throughout the country; it is an association of energy professionals dedicated to ensuring the input of African Americans and other minorities into the discussion and development of energy policies, regulations, R&D technologies, entrepreneurial opportunities and environmental issues; and

WHEREAS, AABE's membership comes from the petroleum and utility industries, energy-related government agencies, colleges, universities and entrepreneurial energy businesses; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and 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 American Association of Blacks in Energy, New York Metropolitan Area Chapter upon the occasion of hosting its 2017 Executive Reception on February 23, 2017, and paying special tribute to this year's honorees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to William A. Suggs, AABE-NYMAC President.