

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING the Brooklyn Chapter of the National Association of Black Military Women upon the occasion of its Installation on February 17, 2017

WHEREAS, Members of the Armed Services from the State of New York, who have served so valiantly and honorably in wars in which this country's freedom was at stake, as well as in the preservation of peace in peacetime, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend those black women who have served in times of active conflict, as well as those who have served in times of peace; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Brooklyn Chapter of the National Association of Black Military Women upon the occasion of its Installation on Friday, February 17, 2017, at Black Veterans for Social Justice in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The National Association of Black Military Women (NABMW) is an association of women located throughout the country who are veterans or current members of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, In 1976, NABMW was established by 21 women who served in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps' (WAAC) and Women's Army Corps (WAC) during World War II, and the Korean and Vietnam Wars; and

WHEREAS, During their initial meeting, the 21 women planned their first reunion; for more than four decades, these meritorious women have strived to tell HERSTORY; and

WHEREAS, The dedication and sacrifices of our military personnel ensure our continued role as a Nation which embodies the ideals of democracy, and is a defender of liberty for peoples throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to pay the highest tribute to the valiant service displayed by the black women of the United States Armed Forces who bravely fought in the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, the World Wars, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, and the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq as well as other minor conflicts during times of great crisis; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved with great respect and reverent esteem, and, on behalf of all of the citizens of the Empire State, to renew its tribute to the black women of New York State who so courageously served their State and Nation in defense of freedom and democracy; now, therefore, be it further

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Brooklyn Chapter of the National Association of Black

Military Women upon the occasion of its Installation on February 17, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Brooklyn Chapter of the National Association of Black Military Women.