

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING the Eastern Area Chapter of The Links, Incorporated upon the occasion of hosting its 46th Annual Virtual Conference Tour on April 16, 2021

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Eastern Area Chapter of The Links, Incorporated upon the occasion of hosting its 46th Annual Virtual Conference Tour on Friday, April 16, 2021, at The Metropolitan Museum of Art (MET); and

WHEREAS, Participants of this auspicious occasion include Dr. Shauna Tucker Sims, Eastern Area Director, The Links, Incorporated; Anna Maria Bishop Harris, Chair, Eastern Area Arts Facet; Valerie A. Cooper, Museum Liaison, Eastern Area Arts Facet founder, Picture That Consultants; Colvin Grannum, Trustee and ACCE member The Met; Max Hollein, Marina Kellen French Director, The Met; Denise Murrell, Associate Curator, 19th and 20th Century Art, The Met; Terry A. Joyner, President, Westchester County (NY) Chapter; Ginger McKnight-Chavers, Arts Facet Chair, Westchester County (NY) Chapter; and Chef Alvin Clayton, owner, Alvin & Friends in New Rochelle, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated is an international, not-for-profit corporation, established in 1946; the membership consists of over 15,000 professional women of color in 288 chapters located in 42 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Bahamas and the United Kingdom; and

WHEREAS, It is one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of extraordinary women who are committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry; and

WHEREAS, Currently, the Eastern Area Chapter consists of 78 Chapters stretching from Boston, Massachusetts, to Roanoke, Virginia, and also including London, England; this vital organization is comprised of 4,000 dynamic women who live out their commitment to making a difference by delivering transformational programming in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Eastern Area Chapter has stayed true to its theme of "Embracing our Legacy, Cultivating our Future" through active civic, social and cultural engagement while working to shape a better more equitable future for the communities they touch; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those

organizations which enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Eastern Area Chapter of The Links, Incorporated upon the occasion of hosting its 46th Annual Virtual Conference Tour on April 16, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Shauna Tucker Sims, Director, Eastern Area Chapter of The Links, Incorporated.