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COMMEMORATING the 70th Anniversary of the Brooklyn
Chapter of Jack and Jill

WHEREAS, A great state is only as great as those persons or organizations who provide service to their community, whether through social activism, professional achievement, good citizenship or other endeavors; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Brooklyn Chapter of Jack and Jill; and

WHEREAS, Jack and Jill of America, Inc., founded in 1938, is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing leadership development opportunities for African American children and teens; and

WHEREAS, Jack and Jill of America, Inc. is composed of more than 11,000 mother-members who represent more than 40,000 family members in 245 chapters throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, The Brooklyn Chapter of Jack and Jill was founded in May 1952; it was on Founder Louise Truitt Jackson Dench's trip to Brooklyn in the late 1930s where the idea for the organization was conceived and she held the first club meeting of Jack and Jill at her Philadelphia home on January 21, 1938; and

WHEREAS, In June of 1952, the Brooklyn Chapter became the 39th chapter of the illustrious organization; Jack and Jill has continued to remain a treasure and beacon of light to the community; and

WHEREAS, During the pandemic, the Brooklyn Chapter of Jack and Jill gave more than \$10,000 to the Bed-Stuy Campaign Against Hunger and the Brownsville Community Culinary Center; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the Brooklyn Chapter of Jack and Jill donated hundreds of books to the community library; the organization partnered with youth and packed 100 take-home food boxes with the Brownsville Community Culinary Center; and they hosted several informational Zoom candidate forums to bring awareness during election cycles and held voter registrations drives; and

WHEREAS, Jack and Jill's commitment to their mission and the community is the ultimate testament to the greatness that results from servitude, integrity, selflessness and outstanding community service; 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 70th Anniversary of the Brooklyn Chapter of Jack and Jill, an upstanding community organization whose significant contributions to the advancement of its community are worthy of esteem and recognition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Brooklyn Chapter of Jack and Jill.