

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Dr. Dennis B. McKesey upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Community Service Award by Stuy Park Lions Club, Inc. on February 17, 2023

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens who would devote their life's work and purpose to community service, contributing to the welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Dennis B. McKesey upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Community Service Award by Stuy Park Lions Club, Inc. to be celebrated at its 30th Annual Pearl Red and White Gala on Friday, February 17, 2023, at Antun's, Queens Village, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Stuy Park Lions Club is part of Lions Clubs International, one of the largest service organizations in the world, and is deeply committed to meeting the challenges of public service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dennis B. McKesey is an accomplished and experienced professional with over 25 years of experience in the education sector; as President and Senior Lead Consultant of In Our Best Interest LLC, he offers tailored consultation services to support clients with leadership development and school improvement efforts; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dennis B. McKesey also established Off School Grounds (OSG), a nonprofit organization created to support, mentor, and coach school leaders to exchange ideas and advance educational opportunities for students of color; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Mercy College, Dr. Dennis B. McKesey completed an accreditation in School Administration and Supervision, and has completed the Columbia University Graduate School of Business Leadership Development Program; later, he served as a graduate professor at his alma mater, Mercy College in the Educational Leadership Department, and currently, is a graduate professor at Columbia University, preparing aspiring leaders for educational leadership; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Dr. Dennis B. McKesey has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals 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

honor Dr. Dennis B. McKesey upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Community Service Award by Stuy Park Lions Club, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Dennis B. McKesey.