

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING the Brooklyn Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its 55th Annual Founders' Day Observance event on May 21, 2023

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

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals and organizations it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Brooklyn Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its 55th Annual Founders' Day Observance event on Sunday, May 21, 2023, at Gargiulo's in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Brooklyn Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs (NANBPWC), Inc. annually acknowledges their Founders; the shoulders on which they stand, and the role and responsibility to prepare their young people for the future; and

WHEREAS, During this auspicious occasion, the Club will present the Sojourner Truth Award to an outstanding African American woman and will award several Club scholarships and three Legendary Scholarships to graduating high school seniors; and

WHEREAS, This year's theme is "78 years of S.I.P.: "Systemically Intensifying Progression Continues!"; and

WHEREAS, In 1944, National President, Ruth Handy, called 21 prominent African American women of Brooklyn to organize the Brooklyn Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.; the first members included public school teachers, doctors, journalists, funeral directors, social workers, music teachers, and other entrepreneurs; in November of 1945, the organization received their national charter in Chicago, Illinois, at the National Convention; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Brooklyn Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs (NANBPWC), Inc. has remained true to its mission of educating, empowering and enhancing the quality of life in its communities; and

WHEREAS, The Brooklyn Club of NANBPWC also remains steadfast in its volunteering efforts in the National mandated forums of Health, Education, Employment and Economic Development (HEED); NANBPWC, Inc. and American Heart Association and American Stroke Association, Inc. partnership for health programs; and various Women's History and "Power of Our Dollars" programs and projects; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Brooklyn Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. is in direct correlation to the efforts of its leadership and members, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the institution and the community it serves; 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 commend the Brooklyn Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its 55th Annual Founders' Day Observance event on May 21, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Brooklyn Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.