

**BY:** Senator PARKER

**COMMENDING** Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School upon  
the occasion of hosting its Annual Gala on May 9,  
2023

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those illustrious organizations of the State of New York who have made stellar efforts on behalf of young people and their futures; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Gala, to be celebrated on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, in Brooklyn, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School carries the mission to provide high quality, independent college preparation to young people from Brooklyn and surrounding communities who would not otherwise have access to such resources; and

**WHEREAS,** With humble beginnings in September of 2008, Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School, formerly known as Lourdes Academy High School, opened with only 43 students; in 2011, the School was renamed to its current designation and in 2012, achieved full membership in the Cristo Rey Network; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2013, Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School moved locations to the former Catherine McAuley High School in East Flatbush; the new facility made it possible to grow enrollment and offer numerous programs and resources; and

**WHEREAS,** After a two-year accreditation review period, in May 2018, Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School achieved full accreditation from the New York State Association of Independent Schools (NYSAIS); then, in 2020, the NYSAIS Board of Trustees voted to extend the accreditation term by four years; and

**WHEREAS,** Today, Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School serves 300 students and claims close to 600 graduates; the School offers a rigorous curriculum, a unique work-study experience, and the support of an inclusive school community; and

**WHEREAS,** This vital organization is truly committed to igniting the potential of its youth, positioning them for long term success as leaders in the community; and

**WHEREAS,** The success of Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School is in direct correlation to the efforts of its dedicated staff, 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 organization and the community it serves;

and

**WHEREAS,** This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals and 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 Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Gala on May 9, 2023; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School.