

Senate Resolution No. 820

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING The Desert Of New York for our outstanding achievements in community service under the leadership of HPIP Damien E. Hall and PC Glenda A. Simmons

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 honor The Desert Of New York for our outstanding achievements in community service under the leadership of HPIP Damien E. Hall and PC Glenda A. Simmons, to be celebrated at The Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine (A.E.A.O.N.M.S.) Desert Conference, which will be held Friday, April 28, to Sunday April 30, 2023, in Latham, New York; and

WHEREAS, The weekend conference consists of a general membership meeting where HPIP Damien E. Hall (251), Imperial Deputy Of The Desert, and PC Glenda A. Simmons (171), Imperial Deputy For The Desert, will address the membership; and

WHEREAS, Guests will include members of the Imperial Council and the national governing body, who will address the members in attendance; and

WHEREAS, During this eventful weekend, those in the leadership of their local Temples and Courts will attend workshops for the Presidents (Illustrious Potentates and Commandresses), Secretaries, Treasurers, and other local Temple and Court officers; and

WHEREAS, There will additionally be workshops on mental health and the health concerns specific to members of the Desert Temple community; and

WHEREAS, There is a tradition by which the host Temple and Court arrange for the members at the conference to visit a local charity to make a financial contribution to that local organization, truly going out of their way to support the valued members of local communities; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, this organization has visited schools, homeless shelters, hospitals, and nursing homes and financially donated to their social programs that serve the community; charity is the basis of the organization, and they are committed to making a difference in the communities where there are local Temples and Courts; and

WHEREAS, The names of these illustrious Temples are as follows: Medina Temple No. 19, New York, New York, Hadji Temple No. 61, Buffalo, New York, Aleppo Temple No. 88, Syracuse, New York, Abu Bekr Temple No.

91, Brooklyn, New York, Al Tabari Temple No. 121, Albany, New York, Elejmal Temple No. 185, Ossining, New York, Nyla Temple No. 238, Watertown, New York, and Al Maseer Temple No. 251, Amityville, New York; and

WHEREAS, The names of the esteemed Courts are as follows: Medina Court No. 11, New York, New York, Al Tabari Court No. 28, Albany, New York, Hadji Court No. 62, Buffalo, New York, Abu Bekr Court No. 140, Brooklyn, New York, Elejmal Court No. 171, Ossining, New York, Al Maseer Court No. 226, Amityville, New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals and institutions 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 The Desert Of New York for our outstanding achievements in community service under the leadership of HPIP Damien E. Hall and PC Glenda A. Simmons; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to HPIP Damien E. Hall and PC Glenda A. Simmons.