

Assembly Resolution No. 123

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COMMEMORATING the 50th Anniversary of the birth of
Hip Hop, an American genre, on August 11, 2023

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those who seek to preserve and celebrate the musical heritage of our State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the birth of Hip Hop, an American genre, to be celebrated on Friday, August 11, 2023; and

WHEREAS, On August 11, 1973, at a Back To School Jam organized by his sister Cindy Campbell, and held at the recreation room of 1520 Sedgwick Avenue in the Bronx, New York, Clive DJ Kool Herc Campbell introduced his innovative style of disk jockeying and, together with the master of ceremonies engaging the crowd with rap on the microphone while party-goers known as B-boys and B-girls danced, introduced a new style, later known as Hip Hop, which combined the elements of a disk jockey (commonly known as a DJ), a master of ceremonies (commonly known as an MC), music, art, fashion, and dance; and

WHEREAS, From its humble beginnings in New York City, the music, lyricism, dance, fashion, and art of Hip Hop has become a culture, now found in communities across the United States, and has long been a worldwide phenomenon; and

WHEREAS, Hip Hop artists and supporters, originally of African heritage, now transcend many different ages, ethnicities, religions, locations, political affiliations, and socioeconomic statuses, which demonstrates the melting-pot quality of Hip Hop art and culture; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, Hip Hop has inspired generations of young people to express themselves and celebrate their culture, and has greatly contributed to the entertainment and cultural enrichment of its community and the entire State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the birth of Hip Hop, an American genre, on August 11, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Brooklyn Rising.