

Senate Resolution No. 1059

**BY:** Senator PARKER

**COMMEMORATING** the Carlos Lezama Archives and Caribbean Cultural Center's "Lunch by the Bay" honoring Paul Romeo as 2025 Father of the Year on June 29, 2025

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and recognize the contributions of cultural institutions and individuals who preserve heritage, foster community pride, and uplift the voices of the Caribbean-American diaspora; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its traditions, this Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the Carlos Lezama Archives and Caribbean Cultural Center's "Lunch by the Bay," a signature celebration of heritage, family, and excellence, to be held on Sunday, June 29, 2025; and

**WHEREAS,** Held annually in honor of Father's Day, this cherished event uplifts community values, celebrates legacy, and recognizes the vital role of fatherhood within the Caribbean cultural experience; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2025, the Carlos Lezama Archives and Caribbean Cultural Center proudly honors Paul Romeo as Father of the Year, in recognition of his unwavering dedication to family, his exemplary character, and his deep commitment to community service and cultural preservation; and

**WHEREAS,** Paul Romeo's selection as Father of the Year reflects not only his personal integrity and achievements, but also the importance of honoring men who serve as role models, nurturers, and leaders across generations; and

**WHEREAS,** The Carlos Lezama Archives and Caribbean Cultural Center, founded in memory of the late cultural icon Carlos Lezama, continues to preserve and celebrate the contributions of Caribbean people to the fabric of New York life through education, performance, and community engagement; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is proud to join in this joyous occasion, and to recognize both the celebration and its distinguished honoree for their contributions to cultural preservation and community uplift; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the Carlos Lezama Archives and Caribbean Cultural Center's 2025 "Lunch by the Bay," to be held on June 29, 2025, and to honor Paul Romeo as Father of the Year, with gratitude for his dedication and leadership; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Carlos Lezama Archives and Caribbean Cultural Center

and to Paul Romeo.