Senate Resolution No. 1061

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMEMORATING the Annual Children's Festival Youth Pan Fest hosted by the Carlos Lezama Archives and Caribbean Cultural Center on August 23, 2025

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and celebrate cultural institutions and events that uplift youth, promote education through the arts, and preserve the vibrant heritage of the Caribbean-American community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its traditions, this Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the Annual Children's Festival Youth Pan Fest, hosted by the Carlos Lezama Archives and Caribbean Cultural Center, to be held on Saturday, August 23, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Founded in honor of the late Carlos Lezama, a pioneering figure in Caribbean cultural advocacy, CLACC-C remains a leading institution in the celebration and preservation of Caribbean traditions, particularly through the power of music, performance, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, The Youth Pan Fest is a central component of the Center's annual Children's Festival, dedicated to engaging and inspiring the next generation through the rich tradition of steelpan music, while fostering creativity, discipline, and cultural pride; and

WHEREAS, This dynamic festival serves as a platform for young musicians to showcase their talents, build confidence, and learn the historical and cultural significance of steelpan-an iconic Caribbean art form that continues to thrive in the diaspora; and

WHEREAS, In addition to its musical programming, the Children's Festival includes activities, performances, and educational opportunities that empower youth and families to connect with their cultural roots and one another in an atmosphere of joy and unity; and

WHEREAS, The Carlos Lezama Archives and Caribbean Cultural Center continues to be a vital resource for the preservation and celebration of Caribbean-American identity, and events like the Youth Pan Fest ensure this legacy endures for generations to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the Annual Children's Festival Youth Pan Fest, to be held on August 23, 2025, and to honor the Carlos Lezama Archives and Caribbean Cultural Center for its enduring contributions to youth empowerment, artistic excellence, and cultural heritage; and be it further

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

in recognition of this meaningful celebration.