

Senate Resolution No. 1659

**BY:** Senator PARKER

**HONORING** Poinsettia Chapter No. 76, Prince Hall Order of the Eastern Star, State of New York, upon the occasion of hosting its 2026 Dinner Dance on April 18, 2026

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those venerable institutions within the Prince Hall Masonic Family whose works of charity, sisterhood, and moral uplift have enriched the social, spiritual, and civic fabric of our communities; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Poinsettia Chapter No. 76, Prince Hall Order of the Eastern Star, State of New York, upon the joyous occasion of hosting its 2026 Dinner Dance, to be held on April 18, 2026; and

**WHEREAS,** This elegant and celebratory affair stands as a testament to the Chapter's enduring commitment to fellowship, benevolence, cultural enrichment, and community service, uniting Sisters, Brothers, family, and friends in the spirit of charity, unity, and enlightened purpose; and

**WHEREAS,** On this distinguished occasion, Poinsettia Chapter No. 76 pays special tribute to Junior Past Matron Linda Valentine, whose dedicated service, steadfast leadership, and devotion to the principles of Faith, Hope, and Charity have strengthened the Chapter and inspired all who labor alongside her; her tenure reflects grace, diligence, and an abiding commitment to the uplift of the Order and the community it serves; and

**WHEREAS,** The Chapter further honors Past Matron Margo E. Abraham, whose years of faithful stewardship and exemplary guidance have left an indelible imprint upon the Chapter's growth and vitality; through her wisdom, mentorship, and unwavering dedication, she has upheld the highest tenets of the Eastern Star while fostering sisterly love and organizational excellence; and

**WHEREAS,** Also recognized is Cynthia Settles, Director of the Falling Angels Sickle Cell Foundation, whose compassionate advocacy and public health leadership have brought hope, awareness, and critical resources to individuals and families impacted by sickle cell disease; her humanitarian service exemplifies the charitable mission and outreach embraced by the Order of the Eastern Star; and

**WHEREAS,** Providing visionary leadership for this auspicious occasion is Worthy Matron Tania Hollensworth, whose administration has been marked by integrity, poise, and a steadfast commitment to strengthening the Chapter's charitable works, membership engagement, and community presence; under her guidance, Poinsettia Chapter No. 76 continues to flourish as a beacon of light, service, and sisterhood within the Third

District and throughout the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS**, Through events such as this Dinner Dance, Poinsettia Chapter No. 76 reaffirms its sacred bond to the principles of Prince Hall Masonry and the Order of the Eastern Star-promoting charity, cultivating fellowship, and advancing the moral and civic good of the communities it so faithfully serves; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor and commend Poinsettia Chapter No. 76 upon the occasion of hosting its 2026 Dinner Dance, and to recognize its enduring commitment to service, sisterhood, and charitable excellence; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That this Legislative Body proudly recognizes Junior Past Matron Linda Valentine, Past Matron Margo E. Abraham, and Cynthia Settles for their outstanding contributions and well-deserved honors bestowed upon this occasion; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That sincere appreciation is extended to Worthy Matron Tania Hollensworth for her distinguished leadership and devoted stewardship of Poinsettia Chapter No. 76; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Poinsettia Chapter No. 76 and the aforementioned honorees as a token of this Legislative Body's esteem and highest regard.