

Senate Resolution No. 1910

BY: Senator STAVISKY

COMMENDING the Queens Public Library's Central Library upon the occasion of celebrating its 60th Anniversary

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations of high purpose and worthy accomplishment whose endeavors have faithfully served the welfare of the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Queens Public Library's Central Library upon the occasion of celebrating its 60th Anniversary on Monday, April 20, 2026; and

WHEREAS, The original Queens Public Library's Central Library on Parsons Boulevard in Jamaica, New York was opened in 1930, and expanded with WPA funds in 1941; and

WHEREAS, In spite of its elegance, the original Queens Public Library's Central Library's splendid four-story Renaissance Revival building proved too small for the demand and was replaced by a new, more spacious facility in 1966, through the persistent efforts of the Library Director, Harold W. Tucker; and

WHEREAS, The building was renovated and expanded in 1989, then again in 2012-2014 to keep up with a growing demand for library services; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, a 14,000- square foot Children's Library Discovery Center opened that concentrates on math and science topics; it includes hands-on exhibits and library materials that entertain while they educate in a child-friendly way; and

WHEREAS, The Queens Public Library boasts an impressive system that includes the Flushing Library, that is the busiest library in the country, serving 1.7 million visitors annually and the Central Library building, which has the distinction among the three city library systems of having most public services on one floor; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Queens Public Library's Central Library is in direct correlation to the efforts of its members, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Under the exemplary leadership of Dennis Walcott, President and CEO of Queens Public Library, the library has experienced exponential growth and continues to serve the diverse population that is Queens County; and

WHEREAS, Steeped in a proud and distinguished history, the Queens

Public Library's Central Library may take just pride in its purposeful growth, as it looks forward to continuing to serve the educational, cultural and intellectual needs of the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Queens Public Library's Central Library upon the occasion of celebrating its 60th Anniversary on Monday, April 20, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Queens Public Library's Central Library.