Senate Resolution No. 927

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMEMORATING the 180th Annual Prince Hall Grand Lodge Divine Service and recognizing its enduring spiritual and fraternal significance

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge and honor longstanding traditions that uplift spiritual values, community fellowship, and the moral foundations that guide civic and fraternal life; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its proud traditions, this Legislative Body is pleased to commemorate the 180th Annual Prince Hall Grand Lodge Divine Service, to be held on Sunday, May 18, 2025; and

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge Divine Service, held annually by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of New York, represents one of the most sacred and unifying gatherings in the fraternal calendar, drawing together Masons from across the state in reverence and reflection; and

WHEREAS, This year's service marks a significant milestone, the 180th anniversary, a testament to the enduring faith, fellowship, and commitment to spiritual growth that has guided the Prince Hall Masonic tradition for generations; and

WHEREAS, The Divine Service serves not only as a religious observance, but also as a reaffirmation of the moral and ethical obligations embraced by Prince Hall Masons and is rooted in brotherly love, relief, and truth; and

WHEREAS, The Prince Hall Grand Lodge continues to play a vital role in the civic and cultural life of New York's communities through charitable work, leadership development, and the promotion of unity across diverse backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, This sacred gathering offers a moment of reflection, gratitude, and rededication to the values that have sustained this esteemed organization for nearly two centuries; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 180th Annual Grand Lodge Divine Service on May 18, 2025, and to extend its highest commendation to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of New York for its enduring commitment to faith, service, and brotherhood; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Most Worshipful Darren M. Morton, Ed.D., Grand Master, in recognition of this historic occasion and his leadership of this venerable institution.