

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Brother Thomas W. Singleton for 75 years of service to Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and for a lifetime of leadership, brotherhood, and civic engagement

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize individuals whose enduring contributions to public service, community upliftment, and fraternal excellence have left an indelible mark on the lives of others and the history of this State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is proud to honor Brother Thomas W. Singleton upon the occasion of his 75th year of service to Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., to be commemorated on Saturday, May 17, 2025; and

WHEREAS, A proud and lifelong resident of Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, New York, Brother Singleton, affectionally known as "Tommy," is a United States veteran, having served honorably during the Korean War, and is revered throughout the borough for his unwavering dedication to his community, country, and fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Brother Singleton was initiated into the Alpha Lambda Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. in 1950, and over the past 75 years he has embodied the fraternity's cardinal principles of achievement in every field of human endeavor, earning the universal respect and admiration of the Kappa brotherhood; and

WHEREAS, In his current role as strategus of the Brooklyn-Long Island Alumni Chapter and as a representative on the National Pan-Hellenic Council - Greater New York Committee, Brother Singleton continues to mentor, guide, and uplift generations of young leaders, remaining a vibrant and vital force within the fraternity and the broader Divine Nine community; and

WHEREAS, A witness to and a participant in history, Brother Singleton was present at the historic 1970 initiation of Brother Percy Sutton and has maintained an enduring presence in the Greater New York Kappa community for over seven decades; and

WHEREAS, Widely regarded as a "Nupe's Nupe," Brother Singleton is celebrated not only for his longevity but also for his unwavering spirit, his humility, and the love he shows to all who cross his path; the recent celebration of his 90th birthday in 2024 is a testament to a life lived with purpose, excellence, and grace; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Brother Thomas W. Singleton for 75 years of exceptional service to Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and for a legacy that continues to uplift, inspire, and exemplify the very best of brotherhood and

community service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Brother Thomas W. Singleton in recognition of his historic milestone and enduring contributions.