

**BY:** Senator CLEARE

**COMMEMORATING** the 55th Anniversary of Each One Teach One, Inc.

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality and character of life of the citizens of New York State are greatly enriched by the availability of exceptional recreational institutions which have become an important part of the history of our State; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 55th Anniversary of Each One Teach One, Inc., to be celebrated at a Rucker Pro Legends Event on Saturday, August 6, 2022, at the Alhambra Ballroom in New York, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1946, Holcombe Llewellyn Rucker, a New York City Playground Director and a World War II Veteran, organized a summer basketball league that reached thousands of youngsters in New York City; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout his 14 years of running the Summer League, Holcombe L. Rucker was instrumental in sending approximately 700 young people to college, many of whom went on to play in the National Basketball Association; and

**WHEREAS,** Holcombe Rucker died in 1965, and the Rucker Pro Tournament, also known as the Rucker Pro League, was created by Robert "Bob" McCullough and Fred Crawford in his honor; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1967, the Each One Teach One Youth League was created with a mission of using sports as a vehicle to prevent violence and motivate young boys and girls to pursue higher education and to explore various careers; and

**WHEREAS,** Each One Teach One specifically works with members of the Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) community from age six, through high school graduation; the tireless workers of this vital non-profit truly believe individual empowerment translates to indelible change, thus motivating radical, institutional changes in our evolving communities; and

**WHEREAS,** Through subject-specific tutoring, youth leadership clinics, and its mentorship program, Each One Teach One provides a positive experience and opportunity for students to improve their skills and build their self-esteem, translating to higher academic performance, school attendance, and greater opportunities for life after college; and

**WHEREAS,** This is accomplished through one on one and/or small group training in the sport of basketball; these lessons are designed to introduce, develop and master the physical and mental aspects of the game; and

**WHEREAS,** Through a variety of basketball tournaments, Each One Teach One and its staff of experienced coaches strive to highlight the overall development of its members in teams for both boys and girls in the 10U, 12U, 14U and 16U divisions; and

**WHEREAS,** For the last 55 years, Each One Teach One and its staff have been dedicated to the inspiration, promotion, and development of today's youth through educational and athletic programs, changing the lives of thousands of New York City's young people; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the intent of this Legislative Body that New York State's invaluable cultural, educational, and recreational institutions should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great State; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 55th Anniversary of Each One Teach One, Inc.; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Each One Teach One.