

**BY:** Senator COMRIE

**COMMEMORATING** the 25th Anniversary of the Greater Queens Chapter of The Links, Incorporated on March 9, 2021

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Greater Queens Chapter of The Links, Incorporated to be celebrated with a virtual event on Sunday, March 21, 2021; and

**WHEREAS,** During this auspicious occasion, the members of this vital organization will recognize 25 years of Community Impact, Sisterhood and Service; and

**WHEREAS,** The Links, Incorporated is an international, not-for-profit corporation, established in 1946; the membership consists of over 15,000 professional women of color in 288 chapters located in 42 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Bahamas and the United Kingdom; and

**WHEREAS,** It is one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of extraordinary women who are committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry; and

**WHEREAS,** The Greater Queens Chapter of The Links was originally organized as the Queens Nia Club, under the leadership of Juliette A. Hansen, and was officially chartered as the Greater Queens Chapter of The Links, Inc. on March 9, 1996; and

**WHEREAS,** In keeping with The Links, Incorporated mandate to enhance the quality of life in their community through its volunteer community service programs, the Greater Queens Chapter has focused its energies and commitment to follow the four facet programming guidelines established by The Links Incorporated which are National Trends and Services, The Arts, Services to Youth and International Trends and Services; and

**WHEREAS,** Some of the Greater Queens Chapter program initiatives include working with battered women to restart their lives; adopting a school in Senegal, Africa; hosting an Annual Health Fair at York College for the prevention of kidney failure in cooperation with the New York Kidney Foundation and North Shore LIJ Hospital Center; an adopt-a-school program at Public School 116, to expose students to a variety of

educational and cultural events; and supporting the Jamaica Center for Arts and Learning; and

**WHEREAS,** In April of 2009, the Greater Queens Chapter received a National Trends First Place Award for its annual health fair program and was recognized for Best Program Practices for our Adopt-A-School program from The Links, Incorporated; and

**WHEREAS,** The members of the Greater Queens Chapter of The Links, Incorporated are influential decision makers and opinion leaders; the organization has attracted many distinguished women who are individual achievers and have made a difference in their communities and the world; and

**WHEREAS,** These distinguished women are business and civic leaders, role models, mentors, and volunteers who work towards a common vision by engaging like-minded organizations and individuals for partnership; and

**WHEREAS,** Under the luminous leadership of President Paula Brown Edme, the Greater Queens Chapter has contributed countless hours of community service annually, strengthening their communities and enhancing the nation; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Greater Queens Chapter of The Links, Incorporated; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Paula Brown Edme, President, Greater Queens Chapter of The Links, Incorporated.