

BY: Senator COMRIE

COMMENDING the humanitarian contributions of the Queens Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. to Queens, New York, upon the occasion of celebrating its 70th Anniversary, June 4, 2021

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those illustrious organizations within the State of New York whose focus and intent have made a substantial impact on the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the humanitarian contributions of the Queens Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. upon the occasion of its 70th Anniversary, on Friday, June 4, 2021; and

WHEREAS, This year, the Queens Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (DST) is celebrating seven decades of impacting the community through committed and dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, The 70th Anniversary Celebration began with the unveiling of "On Their Shoulders," a commemorative limited-edition giclee canvas print by world renowned artist Leroy Campbell; this beautiful piece highlights African American women who not only bask in the art of literacy, but captures the wisdom of learning about women whose shoulders we humbly stand upon fused throughout this brilliant work; and

WHEREAS, This celebration will be a year-long collaboration of activities recognizing Queens Alumnae's influence on the community; 70 glorious years later, a virtual 70s themed extravaganza is planned for Friday, June 4, 2021, to mark this momentous occasion as we, "Remember the Past, Reflect on the Present and Focus on the Future"; and

WHEREAS, Established on June 4, 1951, the illustrious history of Queens Alumnae was chartered and began with the vision of 11 distinguished women, including Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. founder Ethel Cuff Black; and

WHEREAS, The Queens Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. fosters sisterhood among its local membership, while providing extraordinary work in enhancing and providing community service, scholarships and empowerment to communities and residents throughout Queens; and

WHEREAS, Working with community leaders, educators, and social activists to impact lives and transform their global and diverse community, this vital organization has awarded countless scholarships to deserving students; and

WHEREAS, The Queens Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. sponsors pivotal programs in the Queens community such as: Teen Lift Annual Tours of Historically Black Colleges and Universities;

Social Action Program regarding voter registration; project Cherish's restoration of the House of Lewis H. Latimer, an African-American inventor; adoption of the New Horizon School for students with special needs in Accra, Ghana; and the Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the Queens Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. consists of a membership body of highly altruistic and educated individuals committed to social well-being; the chapter is composed of over 200 individuals with diverse educational and professional backgrounds and 75 percent are recipients of graduate degrees; and

WHEREAS, As the chapter reflects on the past 70 years of profound civic and humanitarian aims, they remain unyielding in their commitment to a future of even greater impact and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Queens Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. 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 on behalf of the sorority and the population it serves; and

WHEREAS, In light of its commitment, dedication, and successful efforts, it is the practice of this Legislative Body to extend its highest commendation to the Queens Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Queens Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. upon the occasion of celebrating its 70th Anniversary on June 4, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Queens Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.