Senate Resolution No. 511

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING Abu Bekr Temple No. 91, Oasis of Brooklyn, Desert of New York, upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Potentates Ball on March 31-April 2, 2023

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those illustrious organizations of 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 Abu Bekr Temple No. 91, Oasis of Brooklyn, Desert of New York, upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Potentates Ball on March 31-April 2, 2023, at Sonesta White Plains Downtown, White Plains, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each year, this auspicious Ball honors the current Illustrious Potentate and the members of Abu Bekr Temple No. 91 for their ceaseless dedication to the local community, tirelessly giving of their time and energies to countless initiatives and programs throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, Abu Bekr Temple No. 91 is part of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine of North and South America and its Jurisdictions Incorporated, an organization which embraces the basic fundamental concepts of the Masonic Order with a broader spectrum of dispensing charity in the community; and

WHEREAS, Currently, there are 224 Constituent Temples throughout the Imperial Domain (the World), with a membership of over 25,000 and growing; and

WHEREAS, Abu Bekr Temple No. 91, Oasis of Brooklyn, Desert of New York, was chartered on August 20, 1949, and is located on Pennsylvania Avenue in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Officially incorporated in 1975, this vital organization hosts several community feedings each year to serve the homeless and others in need; furthermore, its back-to-school program supports local youth, and its voter registration event ensures residents have access to their right to vote; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished 74-year history, Abu Bekr Temple No. 91 has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of Abu Bekr Temple No. 91 is in direct correlation to the efforts of its Illustrious Potentate and dedicated 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 organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Abu Bekr Temple No. 91; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Abu Bekr Temple No. 91, Oasis of Brooklyn, Desert of New York, upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Potentates Ball on March 31-April 2, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to commend Abu Bekr Temple No. 91, Oasis of Brooklyn, Desert of New York.