Senate Resolution No. 1055

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Dr. Jocelynne Rainey upon the occasion of receiving the 2025 Brooklyn Children's Museum Champion Award on June 12, 2025

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and celebrate those individuals whose professional excellence, civic dedication, and commitment to equity have had a profound and lasting impact on their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its proud traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Jocelynne Rainey upon the occasion of her receiving the 2025 Brooklyn Children's Museum Champion Award, to be presented on Thursday, June 12, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jocelynne Rainey serves as the President and CEO of the Brooklyn Community Foundation, where she has led transformative investments in community-led philanthropy and racial justice initiatives across the borough; and

WHEREAS, With a distinguished career spanning leadership roles in education, workforce development, and nonprofit management, Dr. Jocelynne Rainey has worked tirelessly to dismantle barriers to opportunity and to advance equity and empowerment for underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining the Brooklyn Community Foundation, Dr. Jocelynne Rainey served as President and CEO of Getting Out and Staying Out (GOSO) and held senior leadership positions at Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation, where she directed workforce development strategies connecting New Yorkers to meaningful employment; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jocelynne Rainey holds a Doctorate in Executive Leadership from St. John Fisher University, a Master's of Science in Administration from Metropolitan College of New York, and a Bachelor's of Science in Business from Indiana University, and she has been a consistent advocate for education, leadership development, and institutional accountability; and

WHEREAS, Her exceptional leadership and dedication to justice, inclusion, and public service exemplify the very spirit of the BCM Champion Award, recognizing individuals who uplift children, families, and communities through bold, visionary action; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Jocelynne Rainey upon the occasion of her receiving the 2025 Brooklyn Children's Museum Champion Award, and to extend sincere gratitude for her contributions to Brooklyn and the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Jocelynne Rainey as a symbol of the high esteem in which she is held by the New York State Senate.