

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING the Consulate General of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana in New York upon the occasion of hosting Guyana's 56th Republic Anniversary Interfaith Service on February 22, 2026

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those distinguished cultural and diplomatic institutions whose efforts preserve heritage, promote unity, and strengthen the bonds of international friendship within our 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 Consulate General of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana in New York upon the occasion of hosting Guyana's 56th Republic Anniversary Interfaith Service, to be held on Sunday, February 22, 2026; and

WHEREAS, The Co-operative Republic of Guyana, located on the northern coast of South America, is a nation rich in cultural diversity, natural beauty, and historic significance, having achieved independence from Great Britain on May 26, 1966, and proudly becoming a Republic on February 23, 1970, forging a sovereign identity rooted in democratic governance and cooperative development; and

WHEREAS, Guyana's national motto, "One People, One Nation, One Destiny," reflects the spirit of harmony among its citizens of African, Indian, Indigenous, European, Chinese, and Portuguese descent, a multicultural legacy that continues to flourish both in the homeland and throughout the global diaspora; and

WHEREAS, The Interfaith Service stands as a sacred and unifying observance, bringing together religious leaders and faithful of many traditions in thanksgiving, reflection, and prayer for the continued prosperity, peace, and advancement of the Guyanese people; and

WHEREAS, The Guyanese diaspora has made profound and lasting contributions to the State of New York, enriching the social, cultural, economic, and civic fabric of communities through leadership in public service, healthcare, education, entrepreneurship, labor, faith institutions, and the arts; and

WHEREAS, Through cultural celebrations, philanthropic outreach, and steadfast community engagement, Guyanese-Americans have strengthened neighborhood institutions, uplifted immigrant families, and preserved the proud traditions of their ancestral homeland for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Providing distinguished leadership for this commemorative observance is Ambassador Michael E. Brotherson, Consul General of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana in New York, who has faithfully served in this role since 2022, working diligently to advance diplomatic

relations, support Guyanese nationals abroad, and promote the cultural and economic interests of Guyana throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, Under Ambassador Brotherson's stewardship, the Consulate General continues to serve as a vital bridge between nations, fostering unity within the diaspora while strengthening the enduring partnership between Guyana and the United States; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor this meaningful observance, celebrating the history of the Guyanese Republic and the vibrant legacy of its people; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Consulate General of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana in New York upon the occasion of hosting Guyana's 56th Republic Anniversary Interfaith Service on February 22, 2026, and to extend sincere appreciation for its continued commitment to cultural preservation, spiritual unity, and international fellowship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ambassador Michael E. Brotherson, Consul General of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana in New York, in recognition of his distinguished leadership and service.