Senate Resolution No. 1871

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING the Lewis Hayden Chapter No. 47 upon the occasion of hosting its "Splash of Green" Community Service Awards Banquet on April 19, 2026

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those organizations within the Masonic family whose steadfast dedication to charity, service, and community uplift strengthens the social fabric of our great State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Lewis Hayden Chapter No. 47, Prince Hall Order of the Eastern Star, upon the occasion of hosting its "Splash of Green" Community Service Awards Banquet, to be held on Sunday, April 19, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Named in tribute to the legacy of Lewis Hayden, a freedom fighter, abolitionist, and champion of justice, Lewis Hayden Chapter No. 47 stands firmly within the historic lineage of Prince Hall Affiliated bodies that have long labored for the advancement, dignity, and empowerment of underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, The Prince Hall Order of the Eastern Star, as an appendant body of Prince Hall Freemasonry, has for generations upheld the sacred tenets of Charity, Truth, and Loving-Kindness, providing a framework through which its members may serve humanity with compassion, integrity, and unwavering purpose; and

WHEREAS, Through its ongoing works, Lewis Hayden Chapter No. 47 has distinguished itself as a beacon of light within its jurisdiction, engaging in meaningful acts of service, supporting charitable initiatives, and uplifting individuals and families through outreach, fellowship, and benevolence; and

WHEREAS, Under the capable leadership of Worthy Matron Genell Thom and Worthy Patron William A. Dyson II, the Chapter continues to flourish, fostering unity among its members while expanding its impact throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, The "Splash of Green" Community Service Awards Banquet serves as a proud and celebratory occasion, recognizing individuals whose lives reflect the highest ideals of service, leadership, and commitment to the betterment of mankind; and

WHEREAS, Such an occasion not only honors those who have given of themselves in service to others, but also inspires all who gather to continue their labors with renewed dedication and purpose; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to to honor the Lewis Hayden Chapter No. 47 upon the occasion of hosting

its "Splash of Green" Community Service Awards Banquet on April 19, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lewis Hayden Chapter No. 47, Prince Hall Order of the Eastern Star.