Senate Resolution No. 2132

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMEMORATING the 45th Anniversary of the Kappa Alpha Psi New York City Step Team

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor organizations and collectives whose creativity, cultural expression, and commitment to unity have strengthened community identity, fostered mentorship, and enriched the artistic and fraternal traditions of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 45th Anniversary of the Kappa Alpha Psi New York City Step Team, to be observed on Saturday, June 20, 2026, and to recognize its enduring contributions to the art of stepping, youth development, and cultural expression; and

WHEREAS, In 1981, the New York City Step Team was founded through a bold and unifying collaboration of brothers across multiple chapters of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.; their shared vision and creative innovation helped redefine stepping culture and elevate it as a powerful form of performance, discipline, and storytelling; and

WHEREAS, The founders of the New York City Step Team, representing multiple collegiate chapters of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., across institutions, including Hofstra University, SUNY New Paltz, SUNY Albany, Long Island University, Cornell University, Fordham University, and Virginia State University, as provided in the historical record, collectively established a pioneering organization that would help shape and advance the art and culture of stepping in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Emerging from this visionary collaboration, the organization achieved early and historic milestones, including a groundbreaking 1982 championship and continued competitive and cultural success in 1983 and beyond, solidifying its legacy within the stepping tradition; and

WHEREAS, The founding of the Kappa Alpha Psi New York City Step Team reflects a legacy of brotherhood, innovation, and cultural excellence, uniting collegiate chapters across New York City and the broader region in a shared commitment to artistic expression, discipline, and unity; and

WHEREAS, Through decades of performance, mentorship, and cultural leadership, the New York City Step Team has served as a beacon of discipline, unity, and artistic excellence, inspiring generations of students and community members alike; and

WHEREAS, The 45th Anniversary Celebration serves as both a commemoration of historic achievement and a recognition of the enduring impact of stepping as a cultural art form rooted in tradition,

collaboration, and expression; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the founders, members, and legacy of the Kappa Alpha Psi New York City Step Team and to recognize their lasting contributions to cultural heritage and community empowerment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the founders and members of the Kappa Alpha Psi New York City Step Team, upon the occasion of its 45th Anniversary Celebration on June 20, 2026, and to extend its sincere appreciation for their decades of leadership, artistic excellence, and commitment to unity, mentorship, and cultural expression; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Kappa Alpha Psi New York City Step Team founders and organizers in recognition of their enduring legacy and contributions to the cultural fabric of New York State.