Senate Resolution No. 2309

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING St. Joseph Lodge No. 117 of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New York upon the occasion of hosting its Evening of Elegance on October 24, 2026

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations of high purpose and worthy accomplishment whose enduring commitment to fraternal excellence, community service, and the advancement of the Masonic tradition has enriched the civic and moral life 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 justly proud to commend St. Joseph Lodge No. 117 of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New York upon the occasion of hosting its Evening of Elegance on Saturday, October 24, 2026, under the leadership of Worshipful Master Johan Powell, Esq.; and

WHEREAS, The dedicated Masons of St. Joseph Lodge No. 117 are men with a social conscience and charitable perspective, bound together by common moral ideals and esoteric values grounded in the timeless principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, whose involvement in their communities reflects the highest aspirations of Prince Hall Masonry; and

WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Worshipful Master Johan Powell, Esq., St. Joseph Lodge No. 117 continues to uphold the highest traditions of Prince Hall Masonry, fostering a spirit of brotherhood, mentorship, and community investment that reflects the finest ideals of the fraternity; and

WHEREAS, The Evening of Elegance is a celebration of brotherhood, fellowship, and the enduring bonds that unite the members of St. Joseph Lodge No. 117, bringing together Brethren, families, and guests in a spirit of joy, gratitude, and shared pride in the Lodge's continued excellence and community impact; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proudly moved to honor St. Joseph Lodge No. 117, Worshipful Master Johan Powell, Esq., and the Lodge's officers and members whose commitment to the ideals of Prince Hall Masonry has made them a valued and distinguished part of the Prince Hall fraternal family in the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend St. Joseph Lodge No. 117 of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New York upon the occasion of hosting its Evening of Elegance on October 24, 2026, and to extend congratulations and deepest appreciation to Worshipful Master Johan Powell, Esq., and all officers and members; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Worshipful Master Johan Powell, Esq., and the officers and members of St. Joseph Lodge No. 117 of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New York, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York.