

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING the Brooklyn Women's Bar Association and the Caribbean American Lawyers Association upon the occasion of hosting its "Conversations with Black Men in Black Robes: Leading the Judiciary," event on February 20, 2025

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those distinguished organizations and events that foster meaningful dialogue, promote diversity, and advance the principles of justice and equality within the legal profession; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Brooklyn Women's Bar Association and the Caribbean American Lawyers Association upon the occasion of hosting its "Conversations with Black Men in Black Robes: Leading the Judiciary," event on Thursday, February 20, 2025; and

WHEREAS, This significant event brings together esteemed members of the judiciary, legal professionals, and the broader community to engage in a critical conversation on leadership, representation, and the evolving role of Black men within the judiciary; and

WHEREAS, The judiciary plays a pivotal role in upholding the rule of law and ensuring access to justice for all, and the inclusion of diverse perspectives within the judicial system strengthens public trust, fosters fairness, and enhances the administration of justice; and

WHEREAS, "Conversations with Black Men in Black Robes: Leading the Judiciary" provides an invaluable platform for mentorship, inspiration, and dialogue, highlighting the journeys, challenges, and successes of Black judges who have broken barriers and paved the way for future generations; and

WHEREAS, The Brooklyn Women's Bar Association and the Caribbean American Lawyers Association have demonstrated a steadfast commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion in the legal profession, ensuring that underrepresented voices are heard and celebrated; and

WHEREAS, The dedication of these organizations to fostering discussions on leadership, judicial service, and the impact of representation in the courts serves as an inspiration to aspiring legal professionals and the broader community; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to acknowledge the significance of this event and to recognize the remarkable contributions of Black judges in shaping the legal landscape; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

commend the Brooklyn Women's Bar Association and the Caribbean American Lawyers Association upon the occasion of hosting its "Conversations with Black Men in Black Robes: Leading the Judiciary," event, and to honor the judges, organizers, and participants who continue to lead with integrity and excellence; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Brooklyn Women's Bar Association and the Caribbean American Lawyers Association.