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Senate Resolution No. 1177

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING the American Foundation for the University of the West Indies upon the occasion of hosting its Caribbean American Heritage celebration on June 30, 2023

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commend those illustrious organizations of the State of New York whose focus and intent have made a substantial impact on the quality of life in their 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 American Foundation for the University of the West Indies upon the occasion of hosting its Caribbean American Heritage celebration on Friday, June 30, 2023 at the SUNY Global Center in New York, New York; and

WHEREAS, To celebrate this auspicious occasion, this year's activities will pay homage to the American Foundation for the University of the West Indies and their 75 years of service to the Caribbean; many alumni have made the United States their home after emigrating from the Caribbean in search of better economic and social opportunities due to the noble efforts of the Foundation; and

WHEREAS, The American Foundation for the University of the West

Indies (AFUWI) is proud of its history of transformational leadership, contribution to regional development, and its commitment to economic and social advancement; and

WHEREAS, Truly caring for the community, AFUWI seeks to transform the lives of exceptionally talented, young women and men who are in dire financial circumstances by providing access to higher education so they can break the cycle of generational poverty and make an economic impact in their local communities and throughout the Caribbean region; and

WHEREAS, During the past 10 years, AFUWI has provided approximately 500 tuition scholarships to students across the Caribbean region, donated \$7.5 million in goods, and brokered multiple relationships with other tier one institutions; and

WHEREAS, The success of the American Foundation for the University of the West Indies is in direct correlation to the efforts of its dedicated staff and volunteers, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the American Foundation for the University of the West Indies upon the occasion of hosting its Caribbean American Heritage celebration on June 30, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the American Foundation for the University of the West Indies.