

## 2023-J1315

Senate Resolution No. 1315

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING the Salute to Youth Project, Inc. upon  
the occasion of hosting its 70th Anniversary  
Platinum Jubilee on October 29, 2023

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to  
recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made  
significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of  
certain extraordinary individuals and organizations it wishes to  
recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of  
society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the  
basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Salute  
to Youth Project, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its 70th Anniversary  
Platinum Jubilee on Sunday, October 29, 2023, at Terrace on the Park in  
Queens, New York; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1960, Salute to Youth Project, Inc. is a  
non-profit organization primarily funded by the Brooklyn Chapter of the  
Links, Inc. which provides scholarships and financial awards to  
college-bound high school seniors; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, Salute to Youth Project, Inc. has

given more than \$425,000 in financial awards to more than 600 deserving students; its awardees have graduated from many fine universities and colleges, including Columbia University, Spelman College, Harvard University, the University of Pennsylvania and Morehouse College; and

WHEREAS, Salute to Youth Project's current award recipients attend SUNY Oswego, SUNY Stony Brook, CUNY LaGuardia and Medgar Evers, Syracuse University, Temple University, California Institute of the Arts, The College of Wooster, City University, Trinity College and McDaniel College; most of the students have maintained a GPA of better than 3.00 during their first semester; and

WHEREAS, In addition to supporting students who seeks higher education, Salute to Youth Project, Inc. supports youth who participate in other programs such as the Annual Women of African-American Film Festival held at Long Island University in May, Mentoring Programs, college trips to campuses along the Eastern Seaboard, and cultural enrichment activities; and

WHEREAS, The Salute to Youth Project, Inc. will continue to discover and reward outstanding community young people who are our future leaders; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished 70-year history, this vital organization has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Salute to Youth Project, Inc. is in direct correlation to the efforts of its Chairperson Stephanie N. Smith, Vice Chairperson Gay Bullock, Ph.D., Recording Secretary Cassaundra Manning, Esq., Treasurer Dorothy Nelson, and Financial Secretary Patricia Ramseur, 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 Salute to Youth Project, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its 70th Anniversary Platinum Jubilee on October 29, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Salute to Youth Project, Inc.