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Senate Resolution No. 1324

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING Progressive Lodge No. 64 upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Breakfast Event on June 11, 2023

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Progressive Lodge No. 64 upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Breakfast Event on Sunday, June 11, 2023, at the Macedonia Community Center in Mount Vernon, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Progressive Lodge No. 64 is recognizing two devoted members at the Annual Breakfast Event, Past Master Sidney White Jr. and Past Master Lamont Killian; both individuals are designated for special recognition for their unwavering commitment to the community and the organization; and

WHEREAS, Past Master Sidney White Jr. has been a Progressive Lodge No. 64 member since October 1987; he has served faithfully throughout the years, many of them as officers; and

WHEREAS, Holding a myriad of positions, Past Master Sidney White Jr. has served five years as a Chaplain, two years as a Junior Deacon, three years as a Senior Deacon, one year as Junior Warden, four years as Senior Warden, and one year as Worshipful Master; and

WHEREAS, A multifaceted individual, Past Master Sidney White Jr. retired as a New York City Board of Education teacher; and

WHEREAS, Spiritually, Past Master Sidney White Jr. is a lifelong member of Macedonia Baptist Church in Mount Vernon, New York, where he has served as a Deacon since 2004; and

WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Past Master White Jr. is the proud father of two sons, Malcolm and Jarret; he is also the brother of Past Worthy Matron Wanda White; and

WHEREAS, Past Master Lamont Killian was born in Mount Vernon, New York and is known to many in the community as a wise individual; and

WHEREAS, Truly caring about the community, Past Master Lamont Killian is a Mount Vernon Fireman and also coached at Brush Park and Hutchinson Field, where he was able to influence and mentor the youth; and

WHEREAS, While coaching in the Mount Vernon Little League/Babe Ruth Program, Past Master Lamont Killian was voted in as President in 2008; with Mount Vernon baseball, he developed a partnership with Major League

Baseball, where they provided uniforms and equipment to the children of Mount Vernon at no cost; and

WHEREAS, Amid his endeavors, Past Master Lamont Killian joined

Progressive Lodge No. 64 in 2003, where he was entered, past, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason; and

WHEREAS, While becoming a Master Mason, Past Master Lamont Killian was elected Worshipful Master twice in 2012 and 2013; he has paved the way for many of the younger generations in Progressive Lodge No. 64, where many of the ideas he has started are still staple points; and

WHEREAS, By being Worshipful Master and a staple in Mount Vernon, Past Master Lamont Killian built more prominent relationships with the community, starting the Thanksgiving feedings at West Help, where he provided the community with a hot meal, and they could also have supplies for their households later; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Past Master Lamont Killian, with a team of Progressive members, were able to pass out gifts to the less fortunate families at Christmas; and

WHEREAS, Past Master Lamont Killian enjoys spending quality time with his children and grandchildren and is still an active member of Progressive Lodge No. 64, where many of the younger brothers reach out for guidance; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished history, Progressive Lodge No. 64 has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of Progressive Lodge No. 64 is in direct correlation to the efforts of its dedicated Masters, past and present, 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, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Progressive Lodge No. 64; 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 Progressive Lodge No. 64 upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Breakfast Event on June 11, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Progressive Lodge No. 64, Sidney White Jr., and Lamont Killian.