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Senate Resolution No. 2625

BY: Senator BAILEY

COMMENDING The Dad Gang and its nonprofit organization, Random Acts of Dadness, upon the occasion of hosting its Annual March of Dads

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals who have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State with their character and outstanding achievements; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend The Dad Gang and its nonprofit organization, Random Acts of Dadness, upon the occasion of hosting its Annual March of Dads; and

WHEREAS, The March of Dads will take place: June 16th in Los Angeles, California; June 29th, in the Bronx, New York; August 4th in Washington, D.C.; and September 19th in Atlanta, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, The Dad Gang is a global organization founded by Sean Williams, committed to changing negative stereotypes of Black fathers and shaping the Black fathers of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, The Dad Gang is an organization committed to building community among Black fathers globally through the creation of a safe space for Black men to find camaraderie and support; and

WHEREAS, Dad Gang was created in 2016 initially through an Instagram page that displayed positive and real examples of Black fathers; and

WHEREAS, The Dad Gang has evolved into a community of socially-conscious allies whose motto is "we are dad goals" which sums up the purpose of the group's events: to enjoy their time together, while setting the new standard of what black fatherhood looks like worldwide; and

WHEREAS, According to the CDC, African-American fathers who live with their children are more active than other groups in terms of changing diapers and bathing and dressing their kids; and

WHEREAS, The Dad Gang began its nonprofit organization, Random Acts of Dadness, to solidify its support system with dads alongside Dad Gang; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals 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 Dad Gang and its nonprofit organization, Random Acts of Dadness, upon the occasion of hosting its Annual March of Dads; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Dad Gang.