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Senator Kevin Parker Recognizes Congresswoman Yvette Clarke's Distinguished Service to Brooklyn

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(Brooklyn, NY) – During the 43rd Annual Legislative Conference of the New York State Black, Puerto Rican and Asian Legislative Caucus (Caucus), State Senator Kevin Parker honored Congresswoman Yvette Clarke with the Caucus' 'Distinguished Service Award' for her outstanding service and commitment to working with immigrants in Central Brooklyn.

"It is hard to imagine anyone who deserves the 'Distinguished Service' award more than Congresswoman Yvette Clarke," said Senator Kevin Parker. "This award is a small token of

our community's appreciation for her dynamism, leadership and unwavering service when it comes to developing policy that will positively impact working families and move our community forward." "Congresswoman Clarke has been a longtime friend, colleague in government and an authentic voice of Brooklyn," continued the Senator. "I am proud to be able to give her this award, and pleased we share Central Brooklyn as our legislative districts and can work together in the best interests of our constituents."

As the Congressional Representative of the 11th district, Congresswoman Clarke is committed to continuing the district's legacy of excellence as set forth by the late Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, the first African American woman and Caribbean American elected to Congress. As an activist, a community organizer and now as a legislator, Rep. Clarke's boldness, compassion and love for humanity has allowed her to become an effective leader and an outspoken advocate on numerous issues of great importance to her constituents. Currently, in the 113th Congress, Rep. Clarke sits on the House Committee on Small Business and House Committee on Homeland Security. She is ranking member of the Homeland Security subcommittee of Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, Science and Technology.

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About Senator Kevin Parker

Senator Kevin S. Parker is intimately familiar with the needs of his ethnically diverse Brooklyn community that consists of 318,000 constituents in Flatbush, East Flatbush, Midwood, Ditmas Park, Kensington, Windsor Terrace, and Park Slope. He is the Ranking Member of the Senate Energy and Telecommunications Committee and the Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Assistant Democratic Leader for Intergovernmental Affairs, Founding Member of the New York State Caucus of Environmental Legislators, and

Chair of the Democratic Task Force on New Americans.

About Congress Member Yvette D. Clarke

U.S. Representative Yvette D. Clarke is a member of the House Committee on Small Business, Ethics, and Homeland Security, where she is the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies. She represents many neighborhoods in central and southern Brooklyn, NY which include Brownsville, Crown Heights, East Flatbush, Flatbush, Gerritsen Beach, Madison, Midwood, parts of Park Slope and Flatlands, Prospect Heights, Prospect-Lefferts Gardens, Sheepshead Bay, and Windsor Terrace.