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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Brooklyn Sunday School Union upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Teachers Recognition Award Luncheon on April 23, 2016

WHEREAS, Religious institutions, and the many spiritual, social and educational benefits they confer, play a vital role in the development of the moral fabric of a responsible citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of this State and this Nation to pay tribute to those institutions and individuals who have contributed to the ethical and spiritual values of 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 Brooklyn Sunday School Union upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Teachers Recognition Award Luncheon on Saturday, April 23, 2016, at Glen Terrace, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, In conjunction with this auspicious event, the Brooklyn Sunday School Union will commemorate its Bicentennial Anniversary by celebrating its theme "200 Years - A Milestone"; and

WHEREAS, On April 8, 1816, the Brooklyn Sunday School Union was established by a group of men who loved their community of Brooklyn, New York; Joshua Sand, Andrew Mercein, Abraham Remsen, Thomas Sands, the Reverend John Irland, William Cornwell, Robert Bache, David Anderson, Jonathon G. Pray, Joseph G. Harrison, and Robert Snow, as well as Alexander Young were committed to making their neighborhood a better place to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, This dedicated group of men strived to attract new people and businesses to Brooklyn, and subsequently, the Brooklyn Sunday School Union hosted its first Anniversary Day Parade and services to commemorate its founding in June of 1829; and

WHEREAS, Four hundred children from four different Sunday Schools participated in that inaugural parade including the Sands Street Methodist Church, St. Ann's Protestant Episcopal Church, The First Reformed Dutch Church and the First Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, On May 24, 1854, more than 14,000 people from 64 Sunday Schools walked in the 25th Anniversary Day Parade; 75 years later, at the 100th Parade, more than 100,000 members from over 200 schools participated; on June 9, 2016, the 200th Parade will be held and will undoubtedly be commemorated by thousands of people throughout not only Brooklyn, but the entire State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the past 200 years, this unique religious celebration has brought recognition to Brooklyn, and encouraged numerous people to attend Sunday School and church; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Brooklyn Sunday School Union continues to stand on the threshold of tomorrow, prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades while retaining that spiritual resolve which characterizes its past; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of enduring religious institutions and to bring such institutions to the attention of the people of this Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Brooklyn Sunday School Union upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Teachers Recognition Award Luncheon on April 23, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Brooklyn Sunday School Union.