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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Brooklyn Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting Teens Matter: Conversations and Tools on the Intersectionality of Race and Diversity on May 1, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 would 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 the Brooklyn Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting Teens Matter: Conversations and Tools on the Intersectionality of Race and Diversity to be celebrated on Sunday, May 1, 2016, at Brooklyn Borough Hall, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Jack and Jill of America, Inc. is a non-profit organization comprised of mothers with children ages 2-19 who are dedicated to nurturing future African-American leaders through offering services which foster leadership development, volunteer service, philanthropic giving and civic duty; and

WHEREAS, Since 1938, Jack and Jill of America, Inc. has diligently worked to create a medium of contact for children which will stimulate growth and development by providing constructive educational, cultural, civic, health, recreational and social programs; and

WHEREAS, The Brooklyn Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. is committed to guiding its members' children towards a bright future by helping them realize the power and potential in their work and dreams; its philanthropic and service commitments to our community can be felt

locally, nationally and internationally; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed organization's Teens Matter: Conversations and Tools on the Intersectionality of Race and Diversity conference will provide young people from the ages of 13 to 18, residing primarily in the Brooklyn area but inclusive of Staten Island, an opportunity to express themselves in response to negative media coverage regarding images of race, police interaction, and youth in New York City; and

WHEREAS, The Teens Matter Conference will also allow young men and women to have access to information, workshops and sources of assistance which will provide lifelines and support as they navigate through these challenging years as a teenager in modern day society and New York City; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when 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 Brooklyn Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting Teens Matter: Conversations and Tools on the Intersectionality of Race and Diversity on May 1, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Brooklyn Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.