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Senate Resolution No. 1756

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING the US-Africa Children's Fellowship upon the occasion of hosting its One Can Make a Difference Award Reception, and paying tribute to this year's honorees on May 1, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor those enduring organizations which devote their purposeful energies to improving the quality and dignity of life of those they serve, to preserving their heritage, and to fostering pride among them; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the US-Africa Children's Fellowship upon the occasion of hosting its One Can Make a Difference Award Reception, and to pay tribute to this year's honorees on Monday, May 1, 2017, at Penguin Random House in New York, New York; and

WHEREAS, The US-Africa Children's Fellowship (USACF) is dedicated to improving education for young people in Africa; more than 250,000 children have benefitted from this vital organization; and

WHEREAS, As of April 2013, USACF has sent twenty-three 40-foot shipping containers to schools in Zimbabwe, Ghana, Tanzania, South Africa, and Botswana; each container is filled with library books,

textbooks, school supplies, sports equipment, toys, and other needed materials; and

WHEREAS, This year's honorees, Romeo Enriquez and Gustavo Szulansky, are receiving this prestigious award for their long time commitment to helping the children of Africa; and

WHEREAS, Romeo Enriquez is the Senior Production Manager of Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group; and

WHEREAS, Gustavo Szulansky is both the Founder and President of Super Soccer Stars; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the US-Africa Children's Fellowship upon the occasion of hosting its One Can Make a Difference Award Reception, and to pay tribute to this year's honorees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Romeo Enriquez, Gustavo Szulansky and the US-Africa Children's Fellowship.