

## 2017-J2240

Senate Resolution No. 2240

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING the Flatbush Tenant Coalition upon the occasion of hosting its Spring Fling on May 20, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 Flatbush Tenant Coalition upon the occasion of hosting its Spring Fling on Saturday, May 20, 2017, at the Flatbush Gardens Community Center in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Flatbush Tenant Coalition is a member-led group of more than 65 active tenant associations in Flatbush, East Flatbush, and South Crown Heights, Brooklyn, working collectively to build tenant power; acting together, it advocates to improve the lives of tenants so families have safe, decent, and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, This vital organization also organizes and supports tenant associations and develops tenant leaders, and educates tenants about their rights and how to organize to make change; in addition, the

Flatbush Tenant Coalition takes united action in campaigns to strengthen tenant rights in New York City and across the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Currently, the Flatbush Tenant Coalition represents approximately 19,000 tenants; the group organizes tenant associations and develops skilled and informed tenant leaders to stop harassment, preserve safe and decent housing, and challenge the oppressive systems which disenfranchise low-to-moderate income tenants, especially people of color; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Flatbush Tenant Coalition has diligently worked together to build tenant power, and helped to create a more just and equitable society; 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 Flatbush Tenant Coalition upon the occasion of hosting its Spring Fling on May 20, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Flatbush Tenant Coalition.