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Senate Resolution No. 4045

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING the Kappa Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its 6th Annual Rudolph W. Powell Memorial Dinner Dance, and paying tribute to this year's honorees on February 24, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to organizations of true purpose and worthy accomplishment which are dedicated to serving their community and to celebrating and preserving their rich ethnic heritage; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Kappa Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its 6th Annual Rudolph W. Powell Memorial Dinner Dance, and to pay tribute to this year's honorees on Saturday, February 24, 2018, at Marina Del Rey in Bronx, New York; and

WHEREAS, This year's honorees include Yusef Salaam, D.H.L., Public Speaker and Member of the Central Park 5; Alyson Myers, M.D., Medical Director, North Shore University, and Professor, Hofstra University School of Medicine; Malcolm Jenkins, Safety, Philadelphia Eagles Football Club, and Member, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; Rosann Santos, Director of Strategic Initiatives, John Jay College, and Public

Speaker and Success Coach; Tamekia Flowers-Ball, CEO, Epiphany Blue; Shakiema Dixon, Executive Director, King Towers Community Center, Community Leader; Erin Stevens, Deputy Comptroller, Intergovernmental and Community Affairs; and Woody Victor, Vice President of Real Estate Department, SOBRO, and Member, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, The first international fraternal organization to be established on the campus of a historically black college, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was founded on November 17, 1911, at Howard University in Washington, D.C. by three of the University's undergraduates, Edgar Amos Love, Oscar James Cooper and Frank Coleman, as well as their faculty adviser, Dr. Ernest Everett Just; and

WHEREAS, In early 1948, Brothers Bertrand Green, Clarence Lee, Augustus Jenkins, Harry Denny, Jr., Theodore Neely, S.H. Craig, Leonard E. Dickerson, Luther A. Thomas, III and Lloyd T. Barnes met to discuss building a new Omega Chapter in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The first meeting of Kappa Omicron Chapter was held on September 25 1948, and the Brothers received their charter from Brother Mifflin T. Gibbs, who also renewed their allegiance by administering the sacred oath of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, At this time, the following brothers were elected officers of the new Chapter: Brother Herschel "Ripp" Day, Basileus; Brother Harry Denny, Jr., Keeper of Records and Seal; Brother Bertrand W. Green, Keeper of Finance; Brother Clarence Lee, Chapter Editor; Brother Harry Jefferson, Chaplain; Brother Augustus Jenkins, Keeper of Peace; and Brother Theodore Neeley, Vice Basileus; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Kappa Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi

Fraternity, Inc. continues to uplift and support its community through numerous economic, international, scholarship, and other philanthropic programs; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Kappa Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity is in direct correlation to the efforts of its members, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; 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 recognized and celebrated by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Kappa Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its 6th Annual Rudolph W. Powell Memorial Dinner Dance, and to pay tribute to this year's honorees on February 24, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Kappa Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.