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Senate Resolution No. 4360

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING the Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club, Inc. upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary on April 29, 2018

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 Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club, Inc. upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary at its Annual Afternoon Tea Social at St. Therese's Auditorium in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club is part of Lions Clubs International, one of the largest service organizations in the world, and is deeply committed to meeting the challenges of public service; currently, there are approximately 45,000 clubs in 204 countries with 1.4 million members; and

WHEREAS, The goal of the Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club and the entire Lions organization is to empower volunteers to serve their

communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding; and

WHEREAS, Lions are recognized worldwide for their service to the blind and visually impaired; this service began when Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become her "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness" during the Lions' 1925 International Convention; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1918, the Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club consists of dedicated men and women who volunteer their time to perform a variety of community service activities; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous leadership of President Abegale Colter, the Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club has followed the tenets of the Lions Clubs International organization and has strived to create an environment where the spirit is uplifted and every individual is encouraged to take part in the civic, cultural, social and moral development of their community; members are united through the mutual understanding of the common goal of serving their community; 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 commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club, Inc. and to commend its members, past and present, who have labored so conscientiously to secure and improve the quality of life in the community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Abegale Colter, President, Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club, Inc.