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Senate Resolution No. 4820

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING Brooklyn Children's Museum upon the occasion of hosting the launch party for Love Double Dutch! on April 7, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that the quality of life of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly enriched by its exceptional cultural, educational and recreational institutions; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Brooklyn Children's Museum upon the occasion of hosting the launch party for Love Double Dutch! on Saturday, April 7, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Brooklyn Children's Museum (BCM) is the world's first museum designed expressly for children; the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences founded the Museum in 1899, as an alternative to existing museums; and

WHEREAS, BCM revolutionized museum-going with its emphasis on participatory exhibits for children, on an educational philosophy of learning through first-hand experience; Anna Billings Gallup, who became curator in 1903, was the Museum's driving force over 35 years; she challenged the staff to enhance children's understanding of themselves and the world in which they live, and to create an interdisciplinary

museum experience at the intersection of arts, sciences and world cultures; and

WHEREAS, Love Double Dutch! was written by Doreen Spicer-Dannelly, producer of Disney Channel's animated series "The Proud Family" and the movie "Jump In!"; and

WHEREAS, At this exciting event, families can listen to Doreen Spicer-Dannelly read from her new book and learn about the main character, McKayla, a Double Dutch enthusiast who tries to make it to the National Double Dutch Jump-off; families are then invited to have their books signed by this illustrious author, and attend and participate in various Double Dutch performances, workshops, art activities, and dance to live music by DJs; and

WHEREAS, The expert staff of Brooklyn Children's Museum, are and always have been characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence, and accordingly merit the applause of the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of President and CEO Stephanie Wilchfort, BCM looks forward to many years of continued and purposeful growth; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when cultural organizations of such exceptional value and accomplishment 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 Brooklyn Children's Museum upon the occasion of hosting the launch party for Love Double Dutch! on April 7, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Stephanie Wilchfort, President and CEO, Brooklyn Children's Museum, and Doreen Spicer-Dannelly, Author, Love Double Dutch!.