Senate Resolution No. 4878

BY: Senator AKSHAR

COMMEMORATING the 50th Anniversary of the Broome County Urban League

WHEREAS, In the course of the evolving development of this Empire State, if the ingredients of shared concern and responsive endeavor combine in the commitment to society, there have emerged among the distinguished citizens of the State of New York certain organizations which warrant special recognition; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commend those illustrious organizations of the State of New York whose focus and intent have made a substantial impact on the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Broome County Urban League; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1968, the Broome County Urban League (BCUL) is located in Binghamton, New York; in 1970, BCUL became an affiliate of the National Urban League; and

WHEREAS, For five decades, BCUL has strived to empower the community by changing the lives of those who live in it; this vital non-profit organization focuses primarily on youth, catering to the needs of children ages five-18 through after-school and summer programs, tutoring/mentoring, technology classes, and workforce development; however, BCUL is always ready and willing to help any man, woman or child who is looking for assistance; and

WHEREAS, In addition to its education and workforce programs, BCUL provides family support, health insurance, prescription cards, food, clothing, housing and utility bill assistance, as well as aid in many other areas; and

WHEREAS, BCUL also offers comprehensive referral services to other community agencies and private industries such as The Center For Help, Family Services, Online Job Board, Youth Services, Workforce Development, Young Professionals, WJOB-FM 93.3, and The Urban Star; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished 50 year history, the Broome County Urban League has demonstrated continuous assistance to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Broome County Urban League is in direct correlation to the efforts of its President and CEO Jennifer Lesko, the BCUL staff, and its board 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 applauded 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 50th Anniversary of the Broome County Urban League; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jennifer Lesko, President and CEO, Broome County Urban League.