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Senate Resolution No. 4942

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING the D.R.E.A.M. Foundation upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Gala on May 17, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 commend the D.R.E.A.M. Foundation upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Gala on May 17, 2018; and

WHEREAS, The D.R.E.A.M. Foundation (Developing Restoring Enriching Advancing Many), is a diverse health and human services organization which develops services for individuals who have been marginalized; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, this vital organization assists individuals with behavioral health concerns, families with children who have special needs, and those who need housing, employment or vocational training; and

WHEREAS, The D.R.E.A.M. Foundation has also developed community education and awareness projects which empower individuals to take

responsibility for their own health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of its Chair, DeCosta Headley, the D.R.E.A.M. Foundation works with community members who span the economic and cultural divide, defying the myth that our differences keep us divided and embracing the challenge to see the commonalities that exist among us; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the D.R.E.A.M. Foundation is steadfastly committed to its community, sponsoring such events as turkey giveaways, scholarship dinners, and summer camps for local youth; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished history, the D.R.E.A.M. Foundation has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of the D.R.E.A.M. Foundation is in direct correlation to the efforts of its volunteers, 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, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the D.R.E.A.M. Foundation; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and 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 D.R.E.A.M. Foundation upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Gala on May 17, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to DeCosta Headley, Chair, the D.R.E.A.M. Foundation.