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Senate Resolution No. 4959

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Albany, New York Alumnae Chapter upon the occasion of hosting its 2018 Spring Scholarship Soiree on May 5, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those illustrious organizations within 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 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Albany, New York Alumnae Chapter upon the occasion of hosting its 2018 Spring Scholarship Soiree on Saturday May 5, 2018, at the Renaissance Hotel in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion will also honor five Capital Region seniors: Danielle Nimako of Colonie Central High School; Nasir Villegas of Green Tech Charter High School; Gabriel Barrientos and Tanzil Sami of Hudson High School; and Xavia Francis of Albany Leadership Charter High School with the Scholar Incentive Awards; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Remaz Omer, a student at the University of

Albany will be presented with the Scholar Incentive Award; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1913, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is the single largest predominately African-American, college educated women's organization in the world, and is dedicated to providing assistance and support through established programs in local communities; and

WHEREAS, On June 17, 1967, 13 Delta women residing in Albany, New York, formed the Albany, New York Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. to serve those who were not being served in the Capital District; and

WHEREAS, The Albany, New York Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is dedicated to serving the African-American community through numerous youth programs including Delta Pearls, the Dr. Betty Shabazz Academy, and the Delta GEMS; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this vital society promotes various cultural, artistic and scholastic endeavors within the Capital District such as its annual Black History Month Creative Expressions Contest, Biennial Debutante Cotillion and scholarship program which are reflective of the positive images it strives to promote throughout its programming efforts; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Albany, New York Alumnae Chapter is in direct correlation to the efforts of its President, The Reverend Debra M. Sanders who believes this event will allow us to take this exciting and important time to pause, not to just

provide monetary awards, but to reward these students and their families' commitment to the educational preparation needed for

successful lives; and

WHEREAS, In light of its commitment, dedication, and successful efforts, it is the practice of this Legislative Body to extend its highest commendation to the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Albany, New York Alumnae Chapter; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Albany, New York Alumnae Chapter upon the occasion of hosting its 2018 Spring Scholarship Soiree; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the aforementioned honorees, and to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Albany, New York Alumnae Chapter.