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Senate Resolution No. 5309

BY: Senator PARKER

CELEBRATING the life and accomplishments of Sonny  
Abubadika Carson on May 20, 2018

WHEREAS, From time to time we take note of certain individuals whom we wish to recognize for their valued contributions and to publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to celebrate the life and accomplishments of Sonny Abubadika Carson at an event on Sunday, May 20, 2018; and

WHEREAS, December 20, 2017, marked the 15th Anniversary of the death of Sonny Abubadika Carson, widely recognized as one of the most courageous and gifted Black Liberation fighters in Brooklyn, New York; his reputation spanned across the United States and Africa; and

WHEREAS, Sonny Abubadika Carson was an "Original O.G." whose consciousness and leadership put him on the front lines of literally every battle that actually concerned the interest and human rights of Black people; a student of Malcolm X and founder of the "School of Common Sense," he developed a sharp street knowledge of the pulse and demands of the Black community; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man was instrumental and in front of many issues including the battle for community control of public schools; the Civil Rights Movement, he chaired the Brooklyn Congress of Racial Equality; the fight against police brutality; the right to have Black elected officials; closing the crack house, he chaired Black Men's Movement Against Crack; the Korean store boycott; the Days of Outrage; and the fight for the African Burial Ground, he founded the Committee to Honor Black Heroes; and

WHEREAS, In honor of Sonny Abubadika Carson, various streets were co-named after him and a campaign has been initiated to rename a stretch of Gates Avenue in Bedford-Stuyvesant in his legacy; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals 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 celebrate the life and accomplishments of Sonny Abubadika Carson on May 20, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Sonny Abubadika Carson.