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Senate Resolution No. 5731

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING Akinwole Garrett upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Resilience Advocacy Project on June 19, 2018

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Akinwole Garrett has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Akinwole Garrett upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Resilience Advocacy Project to be celebrated at its Anniversary Party "10 Years of Resilience: Honoring Leaders of Today" on Tuesday, June 19, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Akinwole Garrett has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Akinwole Garrett currently serves as the Chair of the Board of Directors for the Resilience Advocacy Project (RAP), which offers

youth social justice leadership programs, and trains New York City's most under-resourced and marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous leadership of Akinwale Garrett, RAP gives teenagers the tools, training and support to address real social issues impacting them and their peers; this year, RAP's youth leaders have delivered consent kits to teenage health centers, developed strategic partnerships to increase access to college, and trained their peers on their legal rights; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Akinwale Garrett has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Akinwale Garrett has displayed throughout his life; 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 commend Akinwale Garrett upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Resilience Advocacy Project on June 19, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Akinwale Garrett.