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Senate Resolution No. 5733

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMEMORATING the 29th Annual Tribute to the  
Ancestors of the Middle Passage on June 9, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those who foster ethnic pride and enhance the profile of cultural diversity which strengthen the fabric of the communities of New York State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 29th Annual Tribute to the Ancestors of the Middle Passage on Saturday, June 9, 2018; and

WHEREAS, The People of the Sun Middle Passage Collective, along with Medgar Evers College Student Government Association and Akeem Productions will present this auspicious event as a day of remembrance, reflection, meditation and celebration in honor of those who died during the voyage of the Atlantic slave trade, and those who dedicate their lives to the struggle of African people worldwide; and

WHEREAS, The program will begin with roll call tribute, followed by a celebration of love with drumming, singing, storytelling and poetry; the event will conclude with a march from the boardwalk to the water's edge to reflect and remember the spirits of the ancestors; and

WHEREAS, This much anticipated observance and its accompanying activities will foster greater appreciation for African-American culture and serve to promote the spirit of cooperation that is characteristic of all citizens of New York State; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend cultural events which symbolize the historical, social and cultural development of this great State and embody the spirit of the principles upon which this Nation was founded; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 29th Annual Tribute to the Ancestors of the Middle Passage on June 9, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the People of the Sun Middle Passage Collective, Medgar Evers College Student Government Association and Akeem Productions.