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Senate Resolution No. 5867

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING the Big and Little Skills Academy upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Dribble Against Cancer event and paying tribute to its numerous volunteers

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations, individuals, and events which devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Big and Little Skills Academy upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Dribble Against Cancer event and to pay tribute to its numerous volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Established in 2015, Dribble Against Cancer is a two-day event dedicated to providing financial resources to leading organizations in the fight against pediatric cancer; this year's beneficiaries are Friends of Karen, the Children's Brain Tumor Project, and the Big and Little Skills Academy; and

WHEREAS, Founder Jamael Lynch has combined his love for basketball,

youth and service to produce an exciting game featuring four honorees, a gold carpet, a half-time show, giveaways and more; each year, more than 400 people attend this exciting event; and

WHEREAS, On Saturday, June 16, 2018, the Celebrity Game will be held at Uncommon Charter High School; the game will feature celebrities who wish to raise awareness for pediatric cancer and the importance of holistic health; and

WHEREAS, The next day, June 17, 2018, the one-mile Dribble-a-thon will begin at Tillary Park in Brooklyn; from there, young people will dribble their basketballs along the Brooklyn Bridge while friends and family dribble in solidarity or hold signs raising awareness for pediatric cancer, the leading cause of death among children, post infancy; and

WHEREAS, The Dribble-a-thon ends at Brooklyn Bridge Park's Pier 2, where youth participate in basketball, yoga and nutrition workshops led by top instructors of the Big and Little Skills Academy; there will also be music, healthy foods and giveaways, all in an effort to promote holistic health and to raise funds towards research, treatment and ultimately a cure for pediatric cancer; and

WHEREAS, More than just a fundraiser, the Dribble-a-thon is truly a life changing experience; every person in the community has a chance to celebrate, remember, and fight back; in addition, participation in the event gives individuals and organizations the power to help accelerate the advancement toward a future where cancer does not take the lives of friends and family; and

WHEREAS, The success of Dribble Against Cancer is in direct

correlation to the efforts of its volunteers and participants, 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 Dribble Against Cancer and to the enthusiastic community volunteers who have made this monumental event a sparkling success for the last three years; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations and individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized and applauded 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 Big and Little Skills Academy upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Dribble Against Cancer event and to pay tribute to its numerous volunteers; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Big and Little Skills Academy.