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Res. No. 9

Resolution calling upon the State of New York to enact legislation to deter discrimination in private clubs by denying tax deductions for business expenses made in association with private clubs that discriminate on the basis of sex, race, or color.

By Council Members Brewer, Avella, Barron, Clarke, Fidler, Gerson, Jackson, Quinn, Sanders, Sears, Stewart, Vann, Weprin, Liu, Foster, James and Gennaro

Whereas, The people of New York State are committed to ending discrimination based upon sex, race or color; and

Whereas, Certain private clubs, including a number of private golf clubs, discriminate on the basis of sex, race or color; and

Whereas, Business conventions, sponsorships and other work-related activities commonly held in association with private clubs provide significant revenue for private clubs, including clubs that discriminate on the basis of race, sex or color; and

Whereas, State and federal law currently permit the deduction of expenses associated with business conventions and related activities held at private clubs, including those private clubs that discriminate based upon sex, race or color; and

Whereas, The Ending Tax Breaks for Discrimination Act of 2003, recently introduced in the United States House of Representatives (H.R. 2418), would deter private clubs from discriminating on the basis of sex, race or color by eliminating federal tax deductions available for business expenses made in association with private clubs that discriminate; and

Whereas, New York State should take similar action to deter discriminatory practices by eliminating

state tax deductions for business expenditures made in association with private clubs that discriminate; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the State of New York to enact legislation which would deter discrimination in private clubs by denying tax deductions for business expenses made in association with private clubs that discriminate on the basis of sex, race, or color.