

Senate Resolution 278

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Harbison of the 15th and Jones of the 10th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Larry Scott Blackmon; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Larry Scott Blackmon leads FreshDirect's Public Affairs Division, where he
3 works to build on existing community and charitable partnerships across a variety of issues,
4 including fighting hunger, nutrition education, and career development; he brings nearly 20
5 years of public service, community development, and government experience to FreshDirect;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Larry is a former candidate for New York City Council and has worked with
8 a number of New York City's elected officials, serving in the administrations of New York
9 City Mayor Bill de Blasio and former Mayor Michael Bloomberg; additionally, Larry has
10 worked with former Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia Fields, former City Council
11 Speakers Christine Quinn and Gifford Miller, and former City Council Member Kathryn
12 Freed; and

13 WHEREAS, he has worked with many federal and state representatives, serving on the staffs
14 of U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer, and former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, during
15 her 2000 Senate campaign; and

16 WHEREAS, Larry served as senior manager of public affairs for the New York Jets of the
17 National Football League, where he was instrumental in developing a landmark M/WBE
18 agreement for the New York Sports and Convention Center; and

19 WHEREAS, he earned bachelor of arts degrees in communications and Black studies from
20 the State University of New York College at New Paltz and a masters degree in public
21 administration from Metropolitan College of New York; he is a graduate of the John F.
22 Kennedy School's Executive Leadership program at Harvard University, is an alum of the
23 Coro Leadership New York Program and a member of the Pi Alpha Alpha National Honor
24 Society; and

25 WHEREAS, Larry is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the first Black Greek
26 letter organization established in the United States, and serves as the president of the Harlem
27 chapter; Larry was recognized as one of the 50 most powerful community leaders in the
28 Bronx, and has been named as one of the "40 under 40" people to watch by city and state
29 publications; and

30 WHEREAS, Larry serves as a substitute professor for former New York City Mayor David
31 Dinkins, and has taught the Mayor's Public Affairs course at Columbia University; he serves
32 the Metropolitan College of New York as an adjunct professor and teaches intergovernmental
33 relations, nonprofit management and marketing, collaborative leadership, and introduction
34 to public administration classes.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
36 join in recognizing and commending Larry Scott Blackmon.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
38 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Larry Scott
39 Blackmon.