

**BY:** Senator PARKER

**HONORING** Sharlene Diane Warthen upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Educational Leadership Award by Healthfirst on April 28, 2017

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge those outstanding educational leaders and professionals whose dedication and achievements have been instrumental in developing character and academic excellence in the young people of New York State; and

**WHEREAS,** New York State's commitment to education is unparalleled; its history and stature are secured by the superlative caliber of its educational professionals and the students they inspire; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in keeping with its time-honored traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor Sharlene Diane Warthen upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Educational Leadership Award by Healthfirst at its 6th Annual Educational Leadership Breakfast on Friday, April 28, 2017, at Grand Prospect Hall, Brooklyn, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Sharlene Diane Warthen has been selected for this esteemed honor in recognition of the leadership, excellence and commitment shown in strengthening the educational pursuits of young people in New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Initially designed to recognize the outstanding commitment and dedication of Parent Coordinators, Healthfirst now commends principals, parent teacher association staff and other educational professionals whose obligation to children provides parents and families with a powerful voice on behalf of every child; and

**WHEREAS,** The Educational Leadership Awards Breakfast provides an opportunity to recognize Sharlene Diane Warthen, and the significant contributions to the quality of life and the progression of our educational system, and for all people to gain a greater appreciation of the role educational professionals will continue to play in our society; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the practice of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those individuals such as Sharlene Diane Warthen who foster pride in education and exemplify family engagement which represents and strengthens the fabric of the people and the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Sharlene Diane Warthen upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Educational Leadership Award by Healthfirst on April 28, 2017; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Sharlene Diane Warthen.