

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Minister Valerie Ellis 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 Minister Valerie Ellis 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, Minister Valerie Ellis 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 Minister Valerie Ellis, 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 Minister Valerie Ellis 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 Minister Valerie Ellis 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 Minister Valerie Ellis.