

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Donavan West upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Philanthropist of the Year Award by the Young, Gifted & Black Entrepreneurial Awards

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary careers, accomplishments, and purposeful lives of service to their community and their profession; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Donavan West upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Philanthropist of the Year Award, celebrated at the 12th Annual Young, Gifted & Black Entrepreneurial Awards Program on Wednesday, February 22, 2017, at MILK River Restaurant, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Established in 2006 by President/CEO of the NetLinkz Group, Inc., Carl O. Gray, the Young, Gifted & Black (YGB) Entrepreneurial Awards Program recognizes individuals who continue to reach levels of great success through hard work and determination; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, the Young, Gifted & Black Entrepreneurial Awards continues to acknowledge the talent, ambition and achievements of African-American and Caribbean professionals towards the continued pursuit of success; and

WHEREAS, The Young, Gifted & Black Entrepreneurial Awards was launched in honor of Black History Month and shines a light on such accomplished individuals as Donavan West, who truly exemplify an entrepreneurial spirit; and

WHEREAS, Donavan West serves as Chief Operating Officer of People for the People, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Within every community, there are inevitably some individuals who, by virtue of their energy, vision, and dedication, command the greatest respect among their friends and colleagues, and within the community at large; Donavan West is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commend individuals of outstanding character, who have shown initiative and commitment toward constantly pursuing higher goals for themselves, and acting as role models of leadership to be emulated by both peers and young people; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Donavan West upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Philanthropist of the Year Award by the Young, Gifted & Black Entrepreneurial Awards; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Donovan West.