

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING The Melisizwe Brothers upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Nina Simone Artistic Excellence Award in Music Entertainment by the NetLinkz Group, Inc.

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 The Melisizwe Brothers upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Nina Simone Artistic Excellence Award in Music Entertainment by the NetLinkz Group, Inc., celebrated at its 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 The Melisizwe Brothers, who truly exemplify an entrepreneurial spirit; and

WHEREAS, The Melisizwe Brothers are successful artists and band performers; 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; 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 The Melisizwe Brothers upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Nina Simone Artistic Excellence Award in Music

Entertainment by the NetLinkz Group, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Melisizwe Brothers.