

**BY:** Senator PARKER

**HONORING** Aria Nadege upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Professional Services Nina Simone Artistic Excellence Award in Jazz, R&B, Soul Music by the Young, Gifted & Black Entrepreneurial Awards Program on February 23, 2022

**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 Aria Nadege upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Professional Services Nina Simone Artistic Excellence Award in Jazz, R&B, Soul Music by the Young, Gifted & Black Entrepreneurial Awards Program to be celebrated at its 2022 Black Tie VIP Dinner and Presentations on Wednesday, February 23, 2022; 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 Program 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 Program was launched in honor of Black History Month and shines a light on such accomplished individuals as Aria Nadege, who truly exemplifies an entrepreneurial spirit; and

**WHEREAS,** Aria Nadege is a Singer, Songwriter and Musician; 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; Aria Nadege 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 Aria Nadege upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Professional Services Nina Simone Artistic Excellence Award in Jazz,

R&B, Soul Music by the Young, Gifted & Black Entrepreneurial Awards Program; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Aria Nadege.