

BY: Senator CLEARE

COMMEMORATING the 25th Anniversary of the
Sisoulu-Walker Charter School of Harlem, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions of commitment and high achievement whose purpose and endeavor have been dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in the education of the youth of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Sisoulu-Walker Charter School of Harlem, New York, to be celebrated on Thursday, October 24, 2024; and

WHEREAS, For 25 years, the Sisulu-Walker Charter School has been a beacon in the community, tirelessly pursuing its mission to prepare K-5 students living in and around Central Harlem for matriculation to outstanding public, private and parochial middle and high schools by nurturing their intellectual, emotional, artistic and social development; and

WHEREAS, The Sisoulu-Walker Charter School offers a rigorous and challenging academic curricula taught by a highly prepared and committed team of professional educators; and

WHEREAS, Beginning in kindergarten, the Sisoulu-Walker Charter School prepares its students for college and a lifetime of achievement, honor, and service in a small and supportive learning environment that sets high expectations and encourages strong parental and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, its classrooms are named with words from the languages of Africa and the African Diaspora which drives home the expectations for its students and the community; and

WHEREAS, The school's crest personifies the guiding principles of the Sisulu-Walker Charter School of Harlem, with the graduation cap signifying achievement, the handshake representing honor, and the medal exemplifying service; and

WHEREAS, The Sisoulu-Walker Charter School is committed to helping each student develop and realize his or her individual goals of achievement by setting the highest expectations; its academic program engages students in a wide range of subjects that nurture their capacity to learn, to reason critically, and to apply knowledge in a moral and ethical way; and

WHEREAS, Students are also encouraged to develop and master their natural talents in the arts, athletics and civic leadership; Sisulu-Walker students are shaped to become caring and involved members of their community, and successful and contributing members to society

as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of its Principal, Michelle Haynes, the Sisulu-Walker Charter School aspires to the highest standards of honor and integrity through its commitment to the fundamental values of honesty, respect, fairness, trust, responsible citizenship, and compassion; and

WHEREAS, This vital institution is named in honor of Walter Sisulu and Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker, two men who have dedicated their lives to public service in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Steeped in a proud and distinguished history, Sisoulu-Walker Charter School may look back with pride upon its humble beginnings, find just satisfaction in its purposeful growth and hold true of purpose in its commitment to serving the educational needs of the citizens of Harlem and beyond; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate 25th Anniversary of the Sisoulu-Walker Charter School of Harlem, New York, noting the propriety of its goals, the constancy of its commitment, and the significance of its accomplishments in preparing the youth of today and leaders of tomorrow; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Principal Michelle Haynes, Sisoulu-Walker Charter School of Harlem, New York.