

Senate Resolution No. 262

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Debbie Esther Louis upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by ANS Association on January 28, 2023

WHEREAS, The unity of our State and Nation is built upon the compassion of individuals, such as Debbie Esther Louis, who uphold the values of community life and who, through their great actions, epitomize the best of humanity; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Debbie Esther Louis upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by ANS Association to be celebrated at its I Am Beautiful Conference Award Ceremony on Saturday, January 28, 2023, at K & L Manor, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, An empowering networking group, ANS Association assists men, women and youth with education and mentorship while providing vital resources and development; truly dedicated to its community, this extraordinary organization supports countless individuals through its many initiatives, including food distribution, health care fairs, business expos, networking events and youth empowerment groups; and

WHEREAS, A results-driven strategist who seeks to bring out the best in all by helping people and businesses communicate and operate efficiently and effectively, Debbie Esther Louis currently serves as Secretary of her local County Committee; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Esther Louis' illustrious organizing career began more than a decade ago with a school project which propelled her to a life of community service; as an intern for a local elected Assemblyman, she worked closely with local residents; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Esther Louis earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology with a minor in English from CUNY York College, and later a master's degree in Industrial Organizational Psychology with a specialization in Leadership from Touro College; and

WHEREAS, While working with partners at Titans Consulting Strategies, Debbie Esther Louis followed her passion for advocacy and consulted with non-profit government groups like Common Cause to help improve transparency and accountability within the governing bodies of New York City; her innovative yet effective approach has not only secured major victories which have transformed New York's political landscape, but have ensured the advancement of ranked-choice voting and the election of culturally- diverse candidates; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Esther Louis is also the founder and creative genius behind The A La Mode Experience (ALME), an event and organizational management firm composed of unique experiences; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing that differences in perspectives and identities lead to more value, Debbie Esther Louis believes communities can be fostered through shared connections; subsequently, ALME is now producing summits, festivals, weddings, conferences, and large community awareness campaigns, all with a creative, efficient, and supportive attitude in mind; and

WHEREAS, Given her unique combination of education, expertise, and creativity, Debbie Esther Louis began teaching courses on leadership, power, and motivation at her alma mater, York College, and is currently completing her second master's degree at Baruch College; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to her community, Debbie Esther Louis is a member of the Haitian-American Caucus and serves as a junior board member of the Church Avenue Merchants Block Association (CAMBA) in Brooklyn, where her versatility, keen insight, and extensive knowledge have been a tremendous asset to nonprofit organizations working to revitalize their communities; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, she works on a shared podcast platform entitled, "Building the Best Me," a series with a mission to support women of color as they navigate their personal and professional journeys; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Debbie Esther Louis has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Debbie Esther Louis, that future generations may know and appreciate her admirable character, her many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which she is held by her peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Debbie Esther Louis upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by ANS Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Debbie Esther Louis.