

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Elder Melvina Carpenter 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 Melvina Carpenter, 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 Elder Melvina Carpenter 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, Melvina Carpenter obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from Claflin University in Orangeburg, South Carolina, and has several ministerial certifications; she also holds a Cosmetology license from Trident Technical College, and earned her Master of Arts degree in Christian Ministry from Liberty University; and

WHEREAS, A woman of indomitable faith and dedication, Melvina Carpenter is an International Missionary with recent travels to Accra and Ghana; furthermore, she owns and operates two successful businesses, Sophisticated Styles by Mel and Melvina Carpenter's Books, and has authored and published nine books; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her own entrepreneurial endeavors, Melvina Carpenter assists her husband in his three businesses, APA Home and Commercial Inspections, APA Global Real Estate, and APA Home Inspection School; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong learner with a passion for education, Melvina Carpenter teaches business courses at a local community college where she loves watching her students achieve their goals; and

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

WHEREAS, With her throughout has been her husband, Minister Willie M. Carpenter, and their five children, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her many achievements; 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 Melvina Carpenter, 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 Elder Melvina Carpenter 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 Elder Melvina Carpenter.