

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Antwan 'Amadeus' Thompson upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of an Entrepreneurial Award by the Young, Gifted & Black Entrepreneurial Awards Program

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 Antwan Thompson upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of an Entrepreneurial Award by the Young, Gifted & Black Entrepreneurial Awards Program to be celebrated at the 18th Anniversary of the Young, Gifted & Black Awards Program on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at Terrace On The Park in Queens, 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, proving to be inspiring role models to their community and peers; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, the Young, Gifted & Black Entrepreneurial Awards Program acknowledges the talent, ambition, and achievements of African American and Caribbean professionals toward their 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 Antwan Thompson, who truly exemplifies an entrepreneurial spirit; and

WHEREAS, Antwan Thompson, nicknamed 'Amadeus,' is the CEO of Platinum Boy Music Inc. and is a multi-platinum BadBoy/Hitmen Record Producer; most notably, he is the Musical Director and tour drummer for Trey Songz; and

WHEREAS, Having produced for over 100 prominent music artists in today's industry, Antwan Thompson is considered a "Super Producer"; he has even produced and scored music for media and corporate giants such as BET, VH1, Burger King, Sprite, EA Sports, and ESPN; and

WHEREAS, Antwan Thompson has a residency at the Drais Night Club in Las Vegas, Nevada, is an educator and motivational speaker; admirably, he is passionate about giving back and inspiring others to believe in themselves to realize their dreams; and

WHEREAS, This honoree exemplifies the best of his community, by

virtue of his energy, vision, and dedication, commanding the greatest respect among his 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 Antwan Thompson upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of an Entrepreneurial Award by the Young, Gifted & Black Entrepreneurial Awards Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Antwan Thompson.