

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Dwana Marshall Ceaser upon the occasion of her 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 Dwana Marshall Ceaser upon the occasion of her 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 towards 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 Dwana Marshall Ceaser, who truly exemplifies an entrepreneurial spirit; and

WHEREAS, A loving wife and mother, 35-year-old Dwana Marshall Ceaser has overcome grief, trauma, and poverty to manifest four companies under her powerhouse umbrella empire, Visions by Angel (VBA), LLC; and

WHEREAS, Now the owner and founder of Visions by Angel, The Brand LLC, Dwana Marshall Ceaser reigns as a multi business mogul corporation and bridal connoisseur; as a newbie in the bridal industry, Dwana coordinated her first wedding at the age of 20 years old in Brooklyn; she later became a certified wedding day coordinator and planning consultant, as well as a New York State Wedding Officiant; and

WHEREAS, 14 years into her bridal career, VBA expanded to offer luxury bridal Jewelry and styling services to brides and bridal parties, which launched her second company, Haus of Visions Boutique; she then went on to create VBA the Media Group; "Angel 360," as it is popularly known, offers photography and photo booth services to all events

including weddings, corporate events, religious galas, and school proms; and

WHEREAS, Lastly, her entrepreneurial career led her to peer counseling, and in 2020, Dwana Marshall Ceaser completed her certifications to become a Life Coach; in this capacity she provides one-on-one sessions and confidence courses, as well as retreats to encourage profitable business strategies and enhance mental strength during the business startup and revamp phases of one's career; and

WHEREAS, This honoree exemplifies the best of her community, by virtue of her energy, vision, and dedication, commanding the greatest respect among her 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 Dwana Marshall Ceaser upon the occasion of her 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 Dwana Marshall Ceaser.