

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Deedra Cheatham 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 Deedra Cheatham 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 Deedra Cheatham, who truly exemplifies an entrepreneurial spirit; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, Deedra Cheatham is the founder of Carolyn's Angelz, a non-profit organization created in memory of her late mother Carolyn Cheatham who knew it took a village to raise a community; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, Carolyn's Angelz has strived to actively give back to the directly impacted communities of Black and Brown and single mothers and children in her community; and

WHEREAS, Deedra Cheatham has also been actively involved with the Downtown Brooklyn/Boerum Hill Mutual Aid Group, Urban Resource Institutes PALS Program, Constituent Services for NYC Council, Legal Services NYC, and F.U.R.E.E., and tirelessly helped the residents of the Brooklyn neighborhood of Gowanus during the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy; and

WHEREAS, This award recipient 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 Deedra Cheatham 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 Deedra Cheatham.