

**BY:** Senator PARKER

**HONORING** Ralph Woods Jr. 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 Ralph Woods Jr., professionally known as DJ S-1, 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 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 DJ S-1, who truly exemplifies an entrepreneurial spirit; and

**WHEREAS,** Ralph Woods Jr. has been a professional DJ, host, and producer since 1995; DJ S-1 has orchestrated the sound for many corporate events, movie, and album release parties, as well as at some of the hottest venues known around the world; he is most known for DJing weekly parties at numerous popular, legendary venues in his hometown of New York City; and

**WHEREAS,** DJ S-1 specializes in R&B (Rhythm & Blues), Hip Hop, Pop, Top-40, Reggae, Soca, House/Electro, Afro Beats and Salsa, but it is his vast knowledge of the 'Classics' that takes him a step above other DJs in the country; and

**WHEREAS,** Having been employed by some of the best radio stations in the world, in September of 2011, DJ S-1 was invited to become a member of the 'Mixologists' DJ roster on the Legendary New York-based radio

station, WBLS 107.5 FM; 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 Ralph Woods Jr. 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 Ralph Woods Jr.