

**BY:** Senator PARKER

**HONORING** Denise Cranford Allen of Miles Funeral Home, Inc. upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Business Award by Stuy Park Lions Club, Inc. on February 17, 2023

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those businesses and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Denise Cranford Allen of Miles Funeral Home, Inc. upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Business Award by Stuy Park Lions Club, Inc., to be celebrated at its 30th Annual Pearl Red and White Gala on Friday, February 17, 2023, at Antun's, Queens Village, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** The Stuy Park Lions Club is part of Lions Clubs International, one of the largest service organizations in the world, and is deeply committed to meeting the challenges of public service; and

**WHEREAS,** Originally founded by John and Edna (Martin) Miles, Miles Funeral Home has served the residents of the Bedford Stuyvesant community for well over 70 years; in the early 1990s Millicent H. Cranford purchased the business and services several Brooklyn churches including The Concord Baptist Church of Christ, Bethany Baptist Church, Our Lady of Victory, and St. Philips Church; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition to her work with Miles Funeral Home, Millicent H. Cranford was a Deacon at Concord Baptist Church and was actively involved with various clubs including the Lions; and

**WHEREAS,** Upon the death of Millicent H. Cranford, her daughter Denise Cranford Allen took over the business and continues to serve the Brooklyn community with dignity and compassion during a difficult time; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Denise Cranford Allen of Miles Funeral Home, Inc. upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Business Award by Stuy Park Lions Club, Inc.; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Denise Cranford Allen, Miles Funeral Home, Inc.