

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Deon Brown upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a 2023 Women-N-Motion Empowerment 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 Deon Brown upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a 2023 Women-N-Motion Empowerment Award by the Young, Gifted & Black Entrepreneurial Awards Program to be celebrated at its Awards Brunch on Sunday, March 26, 2023, at the Simpson Restaurant and Bar, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Founded by 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, Furthermore, in conjunction with the observance of Women's History Month, this auspicious occasion features several outstanding women who are leaders, motivators, business professionals, innovators and entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, Deon Brown is a leader, visionary, Adjunct professor, entrepreneur and has more than 24 years' experience in Human Resources with a focus on recruiting; and

WHEREAS, In addition to being part owner of Nifty Concept Inc., a medical supply, janitorial and office supply distributor, Deon Brown serves as CEO of Exceptional Staffing Group Inc., a staffing agency with a focus on the healthcare field, IT, accounting/finance and administration; and

WHEREAS, Deon Brown earned an Associate's degree in Computer Programming from LaGuardia Community College and a Bachelor's degree from Adelphi University; during this time, she held several diverse positions, working as a Broker at Merrill Lynch as well as a fit model in the garment industry before becoming a merchandise manager; she also started her own jewelry business and even had one of her pieces patented; and

WHEREAS, After returning to the corporate arena, Deon Brown stumbled into Human Resources where she has excelled for more than two decades; her passion and drive allowed her the title of top recruiter for nine years at a \$3.5 Billion global corporation, while making it her mission

to empower others with tools they can use to fulfill their life's purpose; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to giving back, Deon Brown has volunteered her time by participating in numerous community outreach programs for adults, college students and high school students; she has partnered with several local high school business classes to conduct mock interviews and career counseling; and

WHEREAS, As a Chairperson of the Long Island Chamber of Commerce membership committee, Deon Brown has been instrumental in spearheading the organization's growth as the largest African American Chamber in New York State; 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 Deon Brown upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a 2023 Women-N-Motion Empowerment 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 Deon Brown.