

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Sonia Daly upon the occasion of her special recognition by Schneps Media at the Caribbean Impact Awards on March 30, 2023

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commend those illustrious organizations of the State of New York whose focus and intent have made a substantial impact on the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Sonia Daly upon the occasion of her special recognition by Schneps Media at the Caribbean Impact Awards on March 30, 2023, at Russo's On The Bay in Queens, New York; and

WHEREAS, The annual Caribbean Impact Awards, is a celebrated event hosted by Caribbean Life and presented by Elliot Ifraimoff & Associates, Injury Attorneys that recognizes the achievements and contributions of outstanding individuals of Caribbean background who have created the most impact in their respective career fields, ranging from healthcare, the arts, to advocacy, entrepreneurship, and much more; and

WHEREAS, Schneps Media is the leading media company serving New York City, Westchester, Long Island, and Philadelphia, is the publisher of **Caribbean Life**, and is proud to bring together these outstanding individuals at the annual Caribbean Impact Awards to connect, support one another, conduct business, and build a community; and

WHEREAS, The celebrated honorees at the annual Awards are committed to creating and framing the path for incoming immigrants and inspiring generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Born in Georgetown, Guyana, to Guyanese immigrants, Sonia Daly has a deep respect and love for her culture; and

WHEREAS, Sonia Daly is a graduate of Utica College and Syracuse University; and

WHEREAS, Using her education and passion to make positive change, Sonia Daly has dedicated herself for the past 15 years to providing access to immigrants from the Caribbean and continental African diaspora; and

WHEREAS, Sonia Daly's truly commendable drive in her current career with the Municipal Identification Card Program, IDNYC, shines through in all her successes; in 2018, the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs commissioner sent her to Stockholm, Sweden to share best practices in launching a successful municipal ID card program to a consortium of over 100 European cities; and

WHEREAS, Previously, Sonia Daly dedicated her time to the YMCA of Greater New York, writing an award-winning grant, "Strings for Life", to provide Caribbean and African American preschoolers with violin instruction at the Flatbush YMCA; and

WHEREAS, From 2008 to 2013, Sonia Daly also served as Chief of Staff to long-time State Senator Kevin Parker; and

WHEREAS, An advocate for maternal wellness, Sonia Daly authored and recorded a guided meditation for women who have suffered through a miscarriage and plans to record other meditations in the future; she recently received the first of her birth doula certifications and hopes to support those who don't have access to prenatal wellness care; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Sonia Daly upon the occasion of her special recognition by Schneps Media at the Caribbean Impact Awards on March 30, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sonia Daly.