

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMEMORATING the 10th Anniversary of the Annual E.R.I.C. Initiative Remembrance Gala to be held on September 13, 2025

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend significant events that promote justice, remembrance, and healing, while uniting communities through shared purpose and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is proud to commemorate 10th Anniversary of the Annual E.R.I.C. Initiative Remembrance Gala to be held on Saturday, September 13, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Established to honor the memory of Eric Garner and to catalyze meaningful change, the E.R.I.C. Initiative Foundation has, over the past decade, become a beacon of hope, awareness, and advocacy, promoting dialogue around police accountability, community empowerment, and systemic reform; and

WHEREAS, The Annual Remembrance Gala serves as a solemn tribute to Eric Garner's life and legacy, reaffirming a collective commitment to equality, justice, and compassion in the face of adversity; and

WHEREAS, The 2025 Gala will be hosted by Gwen Carr, mother of Eric Garner, whose tireless advocacy has transformed personal loss into national mobilization for justice and reform. Her voice continues to elevate the conversation around racial equity and law enforcement accountability; and

WHEREAS, Through this event, the E.R.I.C. Initiative Foundation fosters unity and remembrance while inspiring ongoing efforts to build a society rooted in fairness, dignity, and mutual respect; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this Legislative Body recognizes the work of the E.R.I.C. Initiative Foundation and commemorates the 10th Anniversary Gala as an occasion of profound meaning and civic importance; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the Annual E.R.I.C. Initiative Remembrance Gala, and to extend its deep respect to Gwen Carr and all those who continue to uplift Eric Garner's legacy through service and advocacy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the E.R.I.C. Initiative Foundation in recognition of this momentous occasion.