

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Grand Sheik Shaahid Ali El upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Strategic Leadership Award in Brand Management and Community Engagement by Young, Gifted, & Black Entrepreneurial Awards, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor individuals whose visionary leadership, unwavering dedication to community empowerment, and strategic guidance have strengthened neighborhoods, uplifted citizens, and advanced the principles of service, unity, and justice; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Grand Sheik Shaahid Ali El, M.S.T. of A., National Chairman of the United Moorish Science Temple of America, upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Strategic Leadership Award in Brand Management and Community Engagement by Young, Gifted, & Black Entrepreneurial Awards, Inc., on Wednesday, February 25, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Since his initiation into the Moorish Science Temple of America in 1999, Grand Sheik Shaahid Ali El has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to the teachings of Prophet Noble Drew Ali, progressing through roles of leadership including Treasurer, Grand Sheik, and Divine Minister of Subordinate Temple No. 24 in Los Angeles, California, ultimately serving as National Chairman since January 2025; and

WHEREAS, A visionary and unifying leader, Shaahid Ali El has fostered collaboration across Moorish communities nationally, emphasizing unity, compassion, and the mutual responsibility of members within the Asiatic Nation, while promoting spiritual, educational, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his religious leadership, Grand Sheik Shaahid Ali El is a committed community advocate, founding the Ezech Brain Trust Association in 2016 to advance cultural preservation, social justice, entrepreneurship, and economic empowerment in Leimert Park, Los Angeles, and beyond, strengthening community infrastructure and creating opportunities for local residents; and

WHEREAS, A successful entrepreneur, he manages his own barbershop and laundry business, providing essential services, creating employment opportunities, and modeling economic self-sufficiency as a cornerstone of community empowerment; and

WHEREAS, Through his writings in the Moorish Times Newspaper and his public engagement, Grand Sheik Shaahid Ali El has consistently shared historical truth, advocated for the upliftment of marginalized communities, and championed initiatives that advance both spiritual and practical well-being; and

WHEREAS, Grand Sheik Shaahid Ali El exemplifies strategic leadership in brand management and community engagement, combining moral authority, entrepreneurial acumen, and tireless service to positively impact lives and communities nationwide; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Grand Sheik Shaahid Ali El upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Strategic Leadership Award in Brand Management and Community Engagement by Young, Gifted, & Black Entrepreneurial Awards, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Grand Sheik Shaahid Ali El and to the Young, Gifted, & Black Entrepreneurial Awards, Inc., as a symbol of the highest respect and admiration of this Legislative Body.