

**BY:** Senator PARKER

**HONORING** Janine McMahon upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Businesswoman Impact Award in Leadership & Community Transformation by Young, Gifted, & Black Entrepreneurial Awards, Inc.

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend individuals whose visionary leadership, community engagement, and commitment to systemic equity have transformed lives, empowered families, and strengthened the fabric of society; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is proud to honor Janine McMahon, founder and principal of JDM Global Leadership Coaching and Consulting and vice president of operations at **Caribbean Elite Magazine**, upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Businesswoman Impact Award in Leadership & Community Transformation by Young, Gifted, & Black Entrepreneurial Awards, Inc., on Wednesday, February 25, 2026; and

**WHEREAS,** Founded in 2006 by Carl Gray, the Young, Gifted, & Black Entrepreneurial Awards, Inc., is a nonprofit organization dedicated to recognizing distinguished individuals of color across the Americas, the Caribbean, and Africa, celebrating "Unsung Heroes and Heroines" whose leadership, resilience, and service have made a lasting impact across business, healthcare, culture, and community development; and

**WHEREAS,** Janine McMahon has dedicated her career to community leadership, systems change, and equity, providing coaching, consulting, and mentorship to emerging leaders while supporting small businesses in launching and sustaining successful ventures; and

**WHEREAS,** In her role as implementation and systems capacity manager with the National Parent Leadership Institute (NPLI), Janine McMahon co-leads initiatives that center parent and community voices in decision-making processes, ensuring policies and systems strengthen outcomes for children, families, and underserved communities; and

**WHEREAS,** As vice president of operations for **Caribbean Elite Magazine**, Janine McMahon advances Caribbean culture globally, oversees the execution of the Caribbean Music Awards, and supports industry professionals in elevating their brands, blending entrepreneurship, cultural advocacy, and operational leadership; and

**WHEREAS,** Janine McMahon's civic engagement and service include her role as commissioner on the City of Hartford Parks and Recreation Commission, board memberships with Hartford NEXT, the Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association (board chair), and participation on multiple advisory councils and initiatives advancing family economic mobility and systemic equity; and

**WHEREAS,** A nationally recognized speaker and advocate, Janine McMahon has contributed to impactful programs including the Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI), University of Connecticut People Empowering People (PEP), and Community Organizing and Family Issues (COFI), demonstrating a lifelong commitment to mentorship, leadership development, and entrepreneurship; and

**WHEREAS,** Through her visionary leadership, dedication to community transformation, and unwavering service, Janine McMahon has empowered individuals, strengthened systems, and inspired generations to lead boldly and dream expansively; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Janine McMahon upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Businesswoman Impact Award in Leadership & Community Transformation, and to commend her extraordinary contributions to community empowerment, leadership development, and cultural advocacy; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Janine McMahon as an expression of the highest respect and appreciation of this Legislative Body.