

**BY:** Senator PARKER

**HONORING** Dr. Afia Wilson upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Medical Excellence Award in Colorectal Surgery by Young, Gifted, & Black Entrepreneurial Awards, Inc.

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend individuals whose extraordinary leadership, innovation, and commitment to patient care have advanced medical science, strengthened healthcare systems, and exemplified excellence across clinical, academic, and community spheres; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is proud to honor Dr. Afia Wilson, MD, MPH, accomplished general surgery resident, rising colorectal surgeon, public health scholar, and educator, upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Medical Excellence Award in Colorectal Surgery by Young, Gifted, & Black Entrepreneurial Awards, Inc., on Wednesday, February 25, 2026; and

**WHEREAS,** Founded in 2006 by Carl Gray, 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 healthcare, business, arts, and community development; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Afia Wilson has distinguished herself as a pioneer in colorectal surgery, leading the adoption and refinement of the NICE procedure (Natural Orifice Intracorporeal Anastomosis with Transrectal Specimen Extraction), a cutting-edge, minimally invasive technique that reduces recovery time, postoperative pain, and scarring, while enhancing patient dignity and outcomes; and

**WHEREAS,** Currently serving as Chair of General Surgery Resident Research at her home institution, Dr. Afia Wilson oversees groundbreaking studies in robot-assisted colorectal surgery, rib and sternal plating, and predictive modeling to optimize surgical outcomes, demonstrating a rare combination of technical mastery, scientific rigor, and visionary leadership; and

**WHEREAS,** A dedicated mentor, educator, and public health advocate, Dr. Afia Wilson works to expand advanced surgical access in community-based and underserved hospitals, integrating population-level healthcare perspectives into her practice to ensure excellence in patient care across clinical and community settings; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Afia Wilson's academic accomplishments include a Bachelor of Science from Howard University, a Doctor of Medicine from St. George's University, and a Master of Public Health from George Washington University, reflecting a commitment to both clinical

excellence and public health advocacy; and

**WHEREAS,** Her work exemplifies the integration of innovation, compassion, and equity in medicine, inspiring colleagues, patients, and future generations of surgeons to pursue excellence, challenge conventions, and elevate standards of care; and

**WHEREAS,** Through a lifetime of transformative leadership, research innovation, and dedication to patient-centered care, Dr. Afia Wilson continues to redefine the field of colorectal surgery and advance the cause of equitable healthcare delivery; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Afia Wilson upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Medical Excellence Award in Colorectal Surgery, and to commend her extraordinary contributions to medicine, surgical innovation, research, and public health; and be it further

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