

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Lorna Mae Johnson, MSN, NM, NP, upon the occasion of receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award in Business Leadership & Entrepreneurship 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 service have advanced economic opportunity, strengthened communities, and exemplified excellence across professional, civic, and humanitarian spheres; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Lorna Mae Johnson, MSN, NM, NP, an entrepreneur, healthcare executive, philanthropist, author, and public servant, upon the occasion of receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award in Business Leadership & Entrepreneurship by Young, Gifted, & Black Entrepreneurial Awards, Inc.; 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 business, healthcare, culture, and community development; and

WHEREAS, Born in Jamaica and shaped by a journey that carried her through Canada and ultimately to the United States, Lorna Mae Johnson embodies the promise of the American dream, demonstrating perseverance, ambition, and excellence while breaking barriers and opening doors for others along the way; and

WHEREAS, A former Olympic-level track-and-field athlete, Lorna Mae Johnson distinguished herself early through discipline, determination, and competitive excellence, qualities that would later define her success across healthcare, entrepreneurship, and public service; and

WHEREAS, Lorna Mae Johnson pursued advanced education with distinction, earning a Master of Science in Nurse-Midwifery and Finance from the University of Southern California and graduating with top honors as a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Sigma Theta Tau; she also earned a Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management, reflecting a rare integration of clinical expertise and financial acumen; and

WHEREAS, As a visionary entrepreneur and healthcare executive, Lorna Mae Johnson serves as Chief Executive Officer of AFC Management Company and Chief Financial Officer of AFC Medical Group, providing critical maternal, child, and family healthcare services to underserved communities in South and East Los Angeles while advancing equitable access to quality care; and

WHEREAS, Lorna Mae Johnson's entrepreneurial leadership extends to real estate investment, authorship of "My Mother, My Champion," and the founding of the LMJ Global Foundation (formerly Compassion for Teen Life), a philanthropic organization dedicated to promoting education, healthy lifestyles, and opportunity for low-income children and families across the United States, the Caribbean, and Africa; and

WHEREAS, Lorna Mae Johnson has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to public service and civic leadership, including her appointment to the Los Angeles County Commission for Women, where she advocates for the empowerment of women and girls, and her service as a national consultant to elected leaders and institutions, advancing equity and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Lorna Mae Johnson's distinguished service includes roles on the President's Advisory Committee on the Arts at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts under Presidents Barack Obama and Joseph R. Biden, leadership within national political and civic initiatives, and service as a council member of the White House Historical Association; and

WHEREAS, Recognized globally for her leadership and humanitarian impact, Lorna Mae Johnson has been honored as one of the "Seven Wonder Women of the World," crowned a Queen Mother in Ghana, named Honorary Consul of Jamaica in Los Angeles, and awarded the Sino-Phil Asia International Peace Award in 2025, reflecting her far-reaching influence across diplomacy, education, and global development; and

WHEREAS, A respected academic and mentor, Lorna Mae Johnson has served as a clinical professor and lecturer at UCLA, former President of the Florence-Firestone Chamber of Commerce, and a globally sought-after speaker on women's empowerment, financial literacy, healthcare equity, and leadership, inspiring audiences across continents; and

WHEREAS, Through a lifetime of excellence, entrepreneurship, and service, Lorna Mae Johnson has uplifted communities, expanded opportunity, and exemplified principled leadership, leaving a legacy that continues to inspire future generations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Lorna Mae Johnson, MSN, NM, NP, upon the occasion of receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award in Business Leadership & Entrepreneurship, and to commend her extraordinary contributions to healthcare, business innovation, philanthropy, and public service; and be it further

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