

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Dr. Bill Tinglin upon the occasion of receiving the Global Impact Icon Award in Education & Humanitarianism from the Young, Gifted, & Black Entrepreneurial Awards

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend individuals whose lives and work exemplify excellence, service, and global leadership and whose contributions uplift communities, advance education, and promote humanitarian values across cultures and borders; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Bill Tinglin, an internationally respected educator, humanitarian, and social impact innovator, upon the occasion of receiving the Global Impact Icon Award in Education & Humanitarianism from the Young, Gifted, & Black Entrepreneurial Awards on Wednesday, February 25, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Established in 2006 by founder Carl Gray, the Young, Gifted, & Black (YGB) Entrepreneurial Awards is a nonprofit organization dedicated to recognizing and celebrating distinguished individuals of color, whose leadership, perseverance, and service have made meaningful and lasting contributions across business, education, technology, healthcare, philanthropy, and community development, while uplifting unsung heroes and heroines whose impact often goes unrecognized; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bill Tinglin is a visionary leader in education and media, whose pioneering work has transformed learning environments and expanded access to ethical, interdisciplinary, and culturally responsive education, most notably through his founding of School News Nationwide (SNN) in 1993 which revolutionized educational engagement by integrating technology, journalism, and media within New York City's public schools and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Through his educational leadership, Dr. Bill Tinglin has empowered educators and inspired countless students to pursue meaningful careers in education, law enforcement, social services, public leadership, and entrepreneurship, instilling in them a strong sense of civic responsibility, integrity, and purpose; and

WHEREAS, In 2005, in furtherance of dialogue, tolerance, and historical understanding, Dr. Bill Tinglin founded Words of Bonds, an initiative dedicated to bridging African-American and Jewish communities through powerful storytelling and interviews with Holocaust survivors and Black elders, fostering unity, empathy, and shared historical awareness; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bill Tinglin is also the creator of the groundbreaking Tour for Tolerance, an innovative mobile learning initiative that transforms school buses into immersive, high-tech classrooms which

utilize artificial intelligence, holograms, and interactive media and reach more than 70,000 students annually, promoting inclusion, moral integrity, and respect for diversity; and

WHEREAS, A committed global humanitarian, Dr. Bill Tinglin has served as a Goodwill Ambassador to Ukraine and Jamaica, advocating for education, humanitarian relief, and sustainable development, and has amplified the voices of Ukrainian refugee women through his leadership and engagement at the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, As President and Chief Executive Officer of the German Jamaican Museum and through partnerships with international organizations, including the United Nations, the Moses West Foundation, and global governmental and nonprofit institutions, Dr. Bill Tinglin has advanced sustainability, ethical education, cultural preservation, Indigenous rights, and humanitarian aid across multiple continents; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bill Tinglin's extraordinary global reach, which includes impactful work across Europe, Africa, the Caribbean, the Middle East, and Asia, reflects a steadfast commitment to human dignity, cross-cultural understanding, and the transformative power of education and service; and

WHEREAS, The Global Impact Icon Award in Education & Humanitarianism, bestowed by the Young, Gifted, & Black Entrepreneurial Awards, fittingly recognizes Dr. Bill Tinglin's lifelong dedication to empowering communities, fostering tolerance, and creating pathways of opportunity for future generations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Bill Tinglin, upon the occasion of receiving the Global Impact Icon Award in Education & Humanitarianism, and to commend him for his visionary leadership, humanitarian service, and profound global impact; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Bill Tinglin as an expression of the highest esteem and appreciation for his continued commitment to excellence, recognition, and community uplift.