Senate Resolution No. 272

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Boddhi Satva upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition at the Young, Gifted, and Black Entrepreneurial Awards 20th Anniversary Gala on February 26, 2025

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor those enduring individuals and organizations which devote their purposeful energies to improving the quality and dignity of life of those they serve, to preserving their heritage, and to fostering pride among them; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Boddhi Satva upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition at the Young, Gifted, and Black Entrepreneurial Awards 20th Anniversary Gala on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at Terrace on the Park, Queens, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Young, Gifted, & Black (YGB) Entrepreneurial Awards were established in 2006 by Carl Gray as a platform to spotlight and celebrate everyday individuals who serve as positive role models, inspiring their peers through their accomplishments, perseverance, and contributions; and

WHEREAS, Carl Gray's vision for the YGB Entrepreneurial Awards has remained steadfast in ensuring recognition is given to those whose contributions, though not always highlighted in mainstream media, have a profound and lasting influence within their fields and society; and

WHEREAS, Boddhi Satva is a producer, DJ, label owner, entrepreneur, teacher, and inspiring musician; since his debut release on the music scene 20 years ago, this artistic honoree has become known for his ability to weave African sounds into his music, creating R&B, soul, hip-hop, Caribbean, Latin, and house music hits that transcend genre and bend the sonic standards of modern music; and

WHEREAS, Nominated for an AFRIMA (All Africa Music Award) in 2015 in the category of "Best African Electronic Music," and awarded the Brukmer Golden Afro Artistic Award in 2017, Boddhi Satva has found success in the creation of this nuanced sonic fabric made radiant by ancient ancestral rhythms, memories, and melodies of Alkebulan, the Motherland, and the Garden of Eden; and

WHEREAS, Boddhi Satva's affinity for, and understanding of spiritual, political, and music history, in Africa and beyond, his appreciation and curiosity for what came before, and his willingness to engage with sounds from the past as he forges forward into the future are what makes him utterly singular as a musician; and

WHEREAS, Boddhi Satva has performed at major venues worldwide,

including the Ministry of Sound, Cielo New York, and the W Hotel in Doha, Qatar; his music, known as "Ancestral Soul," reflects a deep connection to African spirituality, culture, and history, incorporating

diverse collaborations with artists from various genres and countries, such as Bilal, Teedra Moses, and Omou Sangare; and

WHEREAS, Boddhi Satva's albums, including "Invocation" (2012), "Transition" (2016), and "Manifestation" (2022), showcase his growth as an artist and his mission to connect the African continent through club music; his work has earned great recognition, with "Manifestation" being named DJ Mag's Album of the Month; and

WHEREAS, Boddhi Satva also founded the Batakari label in 2020 to promote African creativity, and has won awards for albums like Badi's Trouble Fete; throughout the pandemic, the musician engaged with fans through live broadcasts and has continued to tour globally, sharing his innovative vision with music lovers worldwide; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those individuals and organizations which give positive definition to the profile and disposition of the communities of the State of New York, do so profoundly strengthen our shared commitment to the exercise of freedom; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Boddhi Satva upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition at the Young, Gifted, and Black Entrepreneurial Awards 20th Anniversary Gala on Wednesday, February 26, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Boddhi Satva.