Senate Resolution No. 275

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Bryant Postell 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 Bryant Postell 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, Honoree Bryant Postell is a co-owner of Prime 39 in Lynbrook, and Prime on the Mile in Nautical Mile, Long Island, New York, with his partners Rocky Jenkins, Neil Bailey, and Rick Riddick; the restauranteur's story is one of overcoming impediments relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in the thriving businesses he is involved with today; and

WHEREAS, Bryant Postell had to acquire the necessary permits and approvals to build out, operate, and convert the restaurant's kitchen from electric to gas; he was battered by a multitude of roadblocks, but the support that the Lynbrook community gave to him during this time offered him the charisma to keep moving forward; and

WHEREAS, A testament to the American dream, Bryant Postell is a resilient individual and businessman, finding valuable lessons in moment of hardship, resulting in the myriad of successes he has achieved today; and

WHEREAS, Bryant Postell is the CEO and creator of the Black Restaurant Coalition, a group established with the goal of providing resources, networking events, and a variety of other opportunities

through training seminars to other local Black-owned businesses; its mission underscores its dedication to improving the conditions for small-business restaurant owners and their staff by seeking partnerships

with organizations committed to providing access to capital for said businesses, as well as promoting racial equality as a pathway to a more inclusive economy; and

WHEREAS, What began as a vehicle to help other business owners who may be struggling find their way during the pandemic, now serves as a beacon of hope and valuable resources for all those involved; and

WHEREAS, A result of hard work and pride, in 2021, Bryant Postell and his co-owners won the Long Island Choice Award for best new restaurant, and in 2022, were nominated for best fine dining establishment; 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 Bryant Postell upon the occasion of his/her 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 Bryant Postell.