Senate Resolution No. 478

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Dr. Andrise Bass upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Visionary Awards Gala on March 9, 2025

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend individuals whose leadership, advocacy, and humanitarian efforts have profoundly shaped communities, promoted equality, and advanced the cause of global peace and justice; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Andrise Bass upon the occasion of her designation for recognition at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Visionary Awards Gala, to be held on Sunday, March 9, 2025, in celebration of Women's History Month under the theme "Women of Destiny"; and

WHEREAS, A visionary leader, mentor, author, and global advocate, Dr. Andrise Bass has dedicated her 29-year career in the private and nonprofit sectors to creating opportunities, fostering social equity, and promoting international peace and development; and

WHEREAS, As the Founder of the Humanitarian Focus Foundation in 2009, Dr. Andrise Bass has spearheaded transformative initiatives to uplift marginalized communities, expand educational access, and promote human rights across the globe; and

WHEREAS, Her pioneering literacy program in Haiti, which impacted over 1,600 children, earned her an Honorary Mention from Walden University, while her commitment to education equity has reached communities in the Ivory Coast, Nigeria, Ghana, Zambia, Gambia, Peru, Uganda, and Guinea, ensuring that students worldwide have access to the resources necessary for success; and

WHEREAS, A champion of social justice, Dr. Andrise Bass has been a staunch advocate for human rights, social development, peacebuilding, immigration reform, and migration assessment, founding the Institute of Public Policy & Diplomacy Research to advance these causes and empower individuals to build a more just and peaceful society; and

WHEREAS, Her unwavering dedication to humanitarian service and public policy has earned her recognition from U.S. Presidents Donald Trump and Joe Biden, as well as Nobel Peace Prize Winner and former Vice President Al Gore, further affirming the impact of her advocacy on national and international levels; and

WHEREAS, A trailblazer in diplomacy and governance, Dr. Andrise Bass has led efforts to support Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) while actively challenging legislation such as the Peacebuilding Act (H.R. 1111) to ensure policy

reforms that uphold human dignity and justice; and

WHEREAS, Her global impact in peace and conflict resolution has been recognized with two Honorary Doctorate Degrees, underscoring her commitment to humanitarian work and leadership; and

WHEREAS, As a United Nations consultant, Dr. Andrise Bass has led cross-border initiatives, serving as Chair of the NGO Sustainable Development NY and working closely with the UN Department of Communication and the Youth and Capacity Building Department, solidifying her influence on global policy and diplomacy; and

WHEREAS, A respected educator, mentor, and motivational speaker, Dr. Andrise Bass has authored books on leadership, business, and sustainable development diplomacy, inspiring individuals to pursue excellence, advocate for equity, and cultivate the next generation of global leaders; and

WHEREAS, In her role as the Global Peace Ambassador Country Director for the United States, Dr. Andrise Bass continues to promote international peace efforts, support humanitarian causes, and champion social impact initiatives that uplift communities worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Andrise Bass is also a proud member of The American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), further amplifying her dedication to public service, policy advocacy, and institutional reform; and

WHEREAS, Guided by her firm belief that "Education is not just a key; it is the master key that opens countless doors of opportunity, unlocking the potential for a brighter future for all," Dr. Andrise Bass continues to serve as a beacon of hope, inspiration, and transformative leadership; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Andrise Bass upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Visionary Awards Gala, commending her for her extraordinary contributions to humanitarian service, education, diplomacy, and social justice; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Andrise Bass.