

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING William Benson upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Strategic Leadership & Business Development Award by the Young, Gifted & Black Entrepreneurial Awards Program

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary careers, accomplishments, and purposeful lives of service to their community and their profession; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor William Benson upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Strategic Leadership & Business Development Award by the Young, Gifted & Black Entrepreneurial Awards Program to be celebrated at its 2019 Black Tie VIP Dinner and Presentations on Wednesday, February 27, 2019, at 26 Bridge, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Established in 2006 by President/CEO of the NetLinkz Group, Inc., Carl O. Gray, the Young, Gifted & Black (YGB) Entrepreneurial Awards Program recognizes individuals who continue to reach levels of great success through hard work and determination; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, the Young, Gifted & Black Entrepreneurial Awards Program continues to acknowledge the talent, ambition and achievements of African-American and Caribbean professionals towards the continued pursuit of success; and

WHEREAS, The Young, Gifted & Black Entrepreneurial Awards Program was launched in honor of Black History Month and shines a light on such accomplished individuals as William Benson, who truly exemplifies an entrepreneurial spirit; and

WHEREAS, William Benson serves as the Chief Operating Officer of Dominion Bank and Trust, as well as Founder and CEO of Billionaires Row Global; and

WHEREAS, Within every community, there are inevitably some individuals who, by virtue of their energy, vision, and dedication, command the greatest respect among their friends and colleagues, and within the community at large; William Benson is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commend individuals of outstanding character, who have shown initiative and commitment toward constantly pursuing higher goals for themselves, and acting as role models of leadership to be emulated by both peers and young people; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

honor William Benson upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Strategic Leadership & Business Development Award by the Young, Gifted & Black Entrepreneurial Awards Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to William Benson.