

**BY:** Senator PARKER

**HONORING** Ernest Danjuma Enebi upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by FACE Africa at its 10th Annual WASH Gala on March 23, 2019

**WHEREAS,** The unity of our State and Nation is built upon the compassion of individuals such as Ernest Danjuma Enebi who uphold the values of community life and who, through their great actions, epitomize the best of humanity; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Ernest Danjuma Enebi upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by FACE Africa at its 10th Annual WASH Gala on Saturday, March 23, 2019, in New York City; and

**WHEREAS,** Called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors, Ernest Danjuma Enebi has always given of himself unstintingly; and

**WHEREAS,** FACE Africa's longest serving United States team member, Ernest Danjuma Enebi has served as Chief Strategy Officer since 2009; in this capacity he has been instrumental in the WASH Gala's growth into one of the most anticipated Africa-focused gatherings in New York City, bringing together 400 guests from various sectors; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2015, Ernest Danjuma Enebi founded The Denda Group, a brand design and growth strategy company which helps build, grow and scale primarily African owned or focused start-ups, non-profits and small-medium sized enterprises; and

**WHEREAS,** Most recently, Ernest Danjuma Enebi co-founded Ventures Platform in Abuja, Nigeria, the first world-class full service tech innovation hub which aims to attract tech start-ups from across the continent and help spur rapid economic growth through the ICT sector; and

**WHEREAS,** This extraordinary man is also a policy and politics contributor at the Guardian Nigeria, as well as a culture critic, social activist and one of the premier fundraisers in the diaspora for causes benefitting equality and social justice on the continent; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Ernest Danjuma Enebi has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

**WHEREAS,** Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Ernest Danjuma Enebi has displayed throughout his life; and

**WHEREAS,** It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body

to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to

Ernest Danjuma Enebi, that future generations may know and appreciate his admirable character, his many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which he is held by his peers; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Ernest Danjuma Enebi upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by FACE Africa at its 10th Annual WASH Gala on March 23, 2019; and it be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ernest Danjuma Enebi.