Senate Resolution No. 263

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Minister Willie M. Carpenter upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by ANS Association on January 28, 2023

WHEREAS, The unity of our State and Nation is built upon the compassion of individuals, such as Minister Willie M. Carpenter, 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 Minister Willie M. Carpenter upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by ANS Association to be celebrated at its I Am Beautiful Conference Award Ceremony on Saturday, January 28, 2023, at K & L Manor, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, An empowering networking group, ANS Association assists men, women and youth with education and mentorship while providing vital resources and development; truly dedicated to its community, this extraordinary organization supports countless individuals through its many initiatives, including food distribution, health care fairs, business expos, networking events and youth empowerment groups; and

WHEREAS, Currently completing his Bachelor of Philosophy degree at Liberty University, Willie M. Carpenter has overcome much adversity throughout his life; he was raised in a poverty-stricken environment under the leadership of a single mother, but was determined to advance beyond what he saw and heard on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, after years of working in the construction field alongside his family, Willie M. Carpenter obtained his own Residential Specialty Contractor's License; in 2008, he became a Construction Maintenance Worker 1, and three years later he was promoted to the position of a foreman; and

WHEREAS, A man of indomitable faith and dedication, Willie M. Carpenter was ordained a Deacon at his local church, True Light Healing and Deliverance Ministries, in 2014; he was licensed as a Minister in 2017, and has been preaching, teaching Sunday School and Bible Study since 2016; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, in 2015, he was licensed as a Certified Home Inspector and founded APA Home Inspections, LLC before authoring the book, **"A Comprehensive Guide to Home Inspection"** in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Renowned for being very encouraging and helpful, Minister Willie M. Carpenter is a mentor to many and widely respected throughout his beloved community; and

WHEREAS, A true humanitarian, Minister Willie M. Carpenter and his wife were blessed with the opportunity to travel to Ghana, Africa for

missionary work with The Organization of International Missionaries (OIM) in 2022; and

WHEREAS, In his spare time, Minister Willie M. Carpenter enjoys spending time with his wife and children, landscaping, fishing, reading, and working on projects around his home; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Minister Willie M. Carpenter has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Melvina, and their five children, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his many achievements; 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 Minister Willie M. Carpenter, 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 Minister Willie M. Carpenter upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by ANS Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Minister Willie M. Carpenter.