Senate Resolution No. 565

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Allison Dunn upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a 2023 Women-N-Motion Empowerment 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 Allison Dunn upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a 2023 Women-N-Motion Empowerment Award by the Young, Gifted & Black Entrepreneurial Awards Program to be celebrated at its Awards Brunch on Sunday, March 26, 2023, at the Simpson Restaurant and Bar, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Founded by 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, proving to be inspiring role models to their community and peers; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, in conjunction with the observance of Women's History Month, this auspicious occasion features several outstanding women who are leaders, motivators, business professionals, innovators and entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, Allison Dunn is a resident of Brooklyn, New York, and a seasoned entrepreneur, author, speaker and mentor for women in business; and

WHEREAS, A Black woman hailing from Jamaica, Allison Dunn has a deep entrepreneurial spirit, and has been able to shapeshift her business pursuits following the various economic and societal challenges over the years; and

WHEREAS, After working at an investment firm and then as a marketer in an architectural firm, Allison Dunn set her sights on her own business ventures; she launched Neat Rules, a home organizing consultation business, and authored a popular children's book based on the lifelong skill of organization, **Khison is Having Company**; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary woman went on to found Hibiscus Brew, a thriving community restaurant and meeting spot where she can share healthy habits, help build friendships, and provide nutritious and beneficial foods and beverages to her neighborhood customers; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to her community, Allison Dunn has mentored countless women and girls,

empowering them to use their skills and assets for success; she has also mentored small business owners and was a guest speaker to recent graduates of the Kauffman FastTrac class to discuss entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, Allison Dunn has given tirelessly of her time and energies to help shepherd other women and people of color, and to encourage others to follow their passion and embrace their own entrepreneurial spirit; and

WHEREAS, Allison Dunn holds a Bachelor's degree in International Relations and after stints in both investment banking and marketing, she now focuses her time on her businesses, writing career, raising her son, and serving her community and the people in it; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary woman's many business accomplishments have been featured on Fox 5's special television series, "Caribbean in the City," that has won an Emmy, and in print in **The New York Post**, **NewsBreak**, **Travel Noire**, **The Infatuation**, and **Amsterdam News**; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, her cafe, Hibiscus Brew, was nominated by **Refinery 29** for "99 Days of Design," a program working to empower small businesses through graphic design support; **NewsBreak** called the cafe a "pandemic success story," while **The Jamaica Gleaner** described it as "an adorable, tropical cafe...paradise in the middle of a concrete jungle"; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Allison Dunn has displayed throughout her life; 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 Allison Dunn upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a 2023 Women-N-Motion Empowerment 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 Allison Dunn.