

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Lorna E. McDonald upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Strategic Vision Award in Patient Care & Healthcare Leadership by Young, Gifted, & Black Entrepreneurial Awards, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend individuals whose leadership, compassion, and professional excellence have advanced patient-centered care and strengthened healthcare delivery within their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full-accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Lorna E. McDonald RN, BSN, upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Strategic Vision Award in Patient Care & Healthcare Leadership by Young, Gifted, & Black Entrepreneurial Awards, Inc., on Wednesday, February 25, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 2006 by Carl Gray, Young, Gifted, & Black Entrepreneurial Awards, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to recognizing distinguished individuals of color across the Americas, the Caribbean, and Africa, celebrating "Unsung Heroes and Heroines" whose leadership, service, and resilience have made a lasting impact across business, healthcare, and community advancement; and

WHEREAS, Lorna E. McDonald is a highly respected registered nurse whose career reflects decades of dedication to excellence in critical care, nurse management, and private-duty nursing, grounded in professionalism, clinical expertise, and deep compassion for patients and families; and

WHEREAS, She spent most of her distinguished clinical career at New York-Presbyterian Weill Cornell Medical Center, where she served in a range of leadership and supervisory roles, including nurse manager and emergency room supervisor, demonstrating calm leadership and sound judgment in high-acuity environments; and

WHEREAS, Building upon this extensive hospital-based experience, Ms. McDonald transitioned into private-duty nursing, bringing the same rigor, discretion, and patient-centered philosophy to individualized care delivered in home and private settings; and

WHEREAS, As the founder and Director of Patient Care at Cambridge Home Care, she has established a trusted care model that prioritizes dignity, safety, and continuity, ensuring that patients and families receive high-quality, attentive, and personalized healthcare services; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her career, Lorna E. McDonald has provided care to a diverse clientele, including prominent families, public figures, and business leaders from the United States and abroad, earning

consistent praise from both discerning clients and leading physicians across New York City; and

WHEREAS, Lorna E. McDonald's approach to healthcare leadership is guided by a deeply held belief that compassionate, high-quality home care can meaningfully improve outcomes and quality of life for patients and their loved ones, a philosophy that continues to shape her professional legacy; and

WHEREAS, Through strategic vision, clinical excellence, and unwavering commitment to patient advocacy, Lorna E. McDonald has elevated standards of care and exemplified the highest ideals of nursing leadership; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Lorna E. McDonald upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Strategic Vision Award in Patient Care & Healthcare Leadership by Young, Gifted, & Black Entrepreneurial Awards, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lorna E. McDonald as an expression of the highest respect and appreciation of this Legislative Body.