

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Marvin Smith upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Nina Simone Artistic Excellence Disc Jockey of the Year Award by Young, Gifted, & Black Entrepreneurial Awards, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend individuals whose creativity, technical mastery, and visionary leadership have advanced the music industry, inspired audiences, and amplified Black artistic and cultural excellence; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, this Legislative Body is proud to honor Marvin "DJ Legend" Smith, acclaimed disc jockey, event producer, and entertainment consultant, upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Nina Simone Artistic Excellence Disc Jockey of the Year Award by the 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 resilience, innovation, and leadership have made a lasting impact across business, culture, media, and community development; and

WHEREAS, Based in New York City, DJ Legend is the Founder and CEO of 1StopCG, an entertainment consulting firm specializing in end-to-end event production, marketing strategy, talent acquisition, venue coordination, and financial oversight, where his work has elevated events across major markets in the United States and internationally; and

WHEREAS, Since 2015, Legend has served as Head DJ and Talent Acquisition Lead for the Reggae Fest Tour, performing across North America, Toronto, Jamaica, and London, while overseeing artist bookings, tour logistics, DJ team leadership, and serving as lead host and Master of Ceremonies, fostering audience engagement and loyalty; and

WHEREAS, Earlier in his career, Legend spent more than 17 years as Lead DJ and M.C. for Tropical Blendz, headlining events across North America and performing alongside internationally acclaimed artists, including Stephen and Damian Marley, Burna Boy, Shaggy, Beenie Man, Spice, Barrington Levy, Gyptian, and Wayne Wonder, solidifying his reputation as a cultural tastemaker; and

WHEREAS, In addition to live performance, DJ Legend has contributed to radio and media as a trusted voice, including appearances on 94.7 The Block FM (NYC), Litt / The City Dash, SiriusXM's Da Joint, and major-market FM stations across New York and New England, expanding his influence within Caribbean and urban music communities; and

WHEREAS, Through decades of excellence in music performance, event production, mentorship, and media presence, Marvin "DJ Legend" Smith embodies the artistry, innovation, and cultural leadership honored by the Nina Simone Artistic Excellence Disc Jockey of the Year Award; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Marvin "DJ Legend" Smith upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Nina Simone Artistic Excellence Disc Jockey of the Year Award, and to commend his extraordinary contributions to music, live entertainment, and Black cultural leadership; and be it further

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