

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Dahved Levy upon the occasion of receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award in Caribbean Radio Broadcasting and his induction into the Alumni Hall of Fame by Young, Gifted, & Black Entrepreneurial Awards, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend individuals whose voices, vision, and cultural stewardship have expanded representation, elevated communities, and strengthened the fabric of public discourse through excellence and sustained impact; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dahved Levy, pioneering broadcaster, cultural ambassador, and media innovator, upon the occasion of receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award in Caribbean Radio Broadcasting and his induction into the Alumni Hall of Fame 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, honoring "unsung heroes and heroines" whose leadership, creativity, and service have made enduring contributions across media, business, culture, and community life; and

WHEREAS, Born in Barbados, raised in London, and based in New York City, Dahved Levy embodies the global Caribbean diaspora, bringing an international perspective and unapologetic authenticity to the airwaves while bridging cultures, generations, and continents through sound, story, and dialogue; and

WHEREAS, Widely known by his iconic signature, "Dahved Levy - Rockin' You! Rockin' You!", Dahved Levy made history as the first broadcaster to host a Caribbean-focused program on mainstream New York radio, a groundbreaking show that rose to number one in its time slot within months, reshaping radio programming and audience expectations; and

WHEREAS, Dahved Levy further distinguished himself as the first announcer and DJ to appear simultaneously on three New York radio stations, an unprecedented achievement that underscored both his extraordinary demand and his influence within the media landscape; and

WHEREAS, Renowned for his magnetic on-air presence, fearless commentary, and deep command of reggae, soca, and Caribbean musical traditions, Dahved Levy seamlessly blended news, humor, cultural analysis, and provocative dialogue, expanding the reach and respect of Caribbean broadcasting within mainstream media; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of his distinguished career, Dahved Levy conducted interviews with global leaders and cultural icons, including Nelson and Winnie Mandela, President Bill Clinton, and Secretary Hillary Clinton, as well as internationally celebrated artists such as Shaggy, Sean Paul, Jay-Z, Janet Jackson, and many others, earning widespread acclaim for his incisive, courageous, and culturally grounded approach; and

WHEREAS, Dahved Levy's excellence in journalism and broadcasting has been formally recognized through honors, including the Radio Award of Merit from the New York Association of Black Journalists, affirming his credibility, integrity, and impact as a media professional; and

WHEREAS, Beyond the microphone, Dahved Levy has served as a transformative force in live entertainment, promoting and producing landmark concerts that brought Caribbean superstars, such as Beres Hammond, Buju Banton, and Machel Montano, to world-class venues, including Madison Square Garden and Radio City Music Hall, and expanding the mainstream visibility and commercial success of Caribbean music; and

WHEREAS, As founder of the Fever Media Network, Dahved Levy created enduring digital platforms dedicated to amplifying Caribbean voices, stories, and perspectives across the global diaspora; and

WHEREAS, Continuing his commitment to cultural advocacy, Dahved Levy remains an influential presence on-air and online as co-host of "Let The Cocks Crow" on Irie Jam Radio while producing events and content that celebrate Caribbean identity, history, and artistic excellence; and

WHEREAS, Through decades of innovation, representation, and fearless cultural leadership, Dahved Levy has redefined Caribbean radio broadcasting, uplifted diasporic communities, and ensured that Caribbean music and stories occupy their rightful place in global media; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dahved Levy upon the occasion of receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award in Caribbean Radio Broadcasting and his induction into the Alumni Hall of Fame and to commend his extraordinary contributions to media, culture, and the Caribbean diaspora; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dahved Levy as a lasting expression of the highest respect and appreciation of this Legislative Body.