

**BY:** Senator PARKER

**HONORING** Magalie Joseph upon the occasion of being recognized at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Visionary Awards Gala

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend individuals whose lives reflect creativity, compassion, and service, and whose work uplifts communities through faith, culture, and a commitment to the common good in the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Magalie Joseph upon the occasion of her recognition at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Visionary Awards Gala, to be held on Sunday, March 22, 2026; and

**WHEREAS,** Magalie Joseph hails from the historic city of Cap-Haitien, Haiti, where her early life was shaped by rich cultural traditions, vibrant musical expression, and the resonant influence of Haitian and French vocal artistry that ignited her lifelong passion for music and the arts; and

**WHEREAS,** From a young age, Magalie Joseph demonstrated a deep affinity for music, drawing inspiration from renowned Haitian vocalists and operatic performers, as well as international sacred and classical traditions, cultivating a lyric soprano voice marked by emotional depth and technical excellence; and

**WHEREAS,** In pursuit of artistic mastery, Magalie Joseph enrolled at Miami-Dade Community College, where she studied classical music under the guidance of acclaimed artist Juan Secada, refining her craft through disciplined training and performance; and

**WHEREAS,** In the mid-1990s, guided by a profound calling to service, Magalie Joseph made the purposeful decision to redirect her professional path toward the field of social work, relocating to New York City in 1994 and dedicating herself to supporting and uplifting diverse communities across the city; and

**WHEREAS,** While embracing the responsibilities of public service, Magalie Joseph remained steadfast in her devotion to music, continuing to share her gift through performances in sacred and civic spaces, including churches, community venues, and international platforms such as the United Nations; and

**WHEREAS,** As a devoted member of Beraca Baptist Church, Magalie Joseph integrates her faith and artistry, using music as a vessel for healing, reflection, and spiritual renewal, touching the hearts of congregations and audiences alike; and

**WHEREAS,** With the release of her debut album, **Revivre**, Magalie Joseph offers a powerful expression of renewal, faith, and perseverance, inviting listeners to experience hope and transformation through the timeless beauty of sacred song; and

**WHEREAS,** Through her dual commitment to the arts and social service, Magalie Joseph exemplifies the belief that cultural expression and compassion are essential tools for justice, unity, and human dignity, ideals that resonate deeply with the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Magalie Joseph upon the occasion of her recognition at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Visionary Awards Gala, and to commend her for her artistic excellence, faith-filled service, and enduring commitment to uplifting communities through music and compassion; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Magalie Joseph.