Senate Resolution No. 1616

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Mary Piven 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 those exceptional individuals whose professional excellence, entrepreneurial vision, and commitment to community uplift embody the enduring legacy and moral leadership 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 Mary Piven 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, Mary Piven is a visionary entrepreneur and strategic leader whose inspiring journey from Kyiv, Ukraine, to New York City reflects resilience, courage, and an unwavering commitment to service, opportunity, and excellence; and

WHEREAS, Mary Piven is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Mary Piven, Inc., doing business as Clean2Clean, a certified woman-owned enterprise that is reshaping standards of cleaning and facility management across New York City's public and private sectors; and

WHEREAS, Mary Piven began her entrepreneurial career in 2008 when she launched Center Clean in Kyiv, Ukraine, building the company through diligence, discipline, and a culture of excellence that quickly earned the trust of residential and commercial clients alike; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, motivated by a bold vision for growth and global impact, Mary Piven relocated to the United States, bringing with her academic degrees in pedagogy and economics and a steadfast belief in the transformative power of education, perseverance, and entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, In 2016, Mary Piven founded Clean2Clean in New York City, expanding the company from a modest residential service into a highly respected contractor, which serves business and government partners, earning Women Business Enterprise (WBE), Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), and School Construction Authority (SCA) certifications; and

WHEREAS, Under Mary Piven's dynamic leadership, Clean2Clean has built a diverse portfolio of clients, including the New York City Department of Education, NYCHA, CUNY, Hunter College, the Department of Design and Construction, the Department of Youth and Community Development, and numerous leading construction firms; and

WHEREAS, During the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19

pandemic, Mary Piven demonstrated adaptive and courageous leadership by transforming company operations to meet urgent public health demands, expanding into disinfection and post-construction services, protecting jobs, and supporting the continuity of New York City's essential infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Beyond business success, Mary Piven is a passionate advocate for sustainable cleaning solutions, workforce empowerment, and ethical industry standards while mentoring immigrant workers, promoting professional training in safety and environmental practices, and uplifting those seeking economic mobility; and

WHEREAS, Mary Piven's forward-looking initiatives include expanding eco-friendly janitorial product distribution and establishing a training and innovation center designed to foster education, skill development, and career advancement; and

WHEREAS, Mary Piven's life and work affirm the principle that entrepreneurship is definitively a form of public service, a vehicle through which dignity, stability, and opportunity are created for individuals, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, Mary Piven's journey stands as a powerful testament to determination, faith, and purpose, inspiring women in business, immigrant entrepreneurs, and future leaders to pursue excellence while uplifting others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Mary Piven, upon the occasion of her recognition at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Visionary Awards Gala, and to commend her for her entrepreneurial leadership, community impact, and steadfast commitment to opportunity and empowerment; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mary Piven as a lasting expression of the highest respect and admiration of this Legislative Body.