

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMEMORATING the Miriam Carey 4th Annual
Butterfly Brunch on September 20, 2026

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those meaningful community observances and commemorative events which honor lives lost, uplift families seeking justice and healing, and inspire continued advocacy on behalf of underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the Miriam Carey 4th Annual Butterfly Brunch, to be held on Sunday, September 20, 2026, in remembrance of Miriam Carey and in celebration of her enduring legacy; and

WHEREAS, Organized through the tireless efforts of Valarie Carey and the Carey family, sister of Miriam Carey, this annual gathering has become a powerful expression of remembrance, advocacy, healing, and community solidarity, bringing together family members, advocates, and supporters committed to preserving Miriam's memory and advancing awareness surrounding justice, accountability, and mental health; and

WHEREAS, The annual Butterfly Brunch was established in the wake of the tragic and untimely death of Miriam Carey in 2013 in Washington, D.C., an event which drew national attention and has since informed broader public discourse on justice, accountability, and mental health awareness; and

WHEREAS, Miriam Carey is remembered as a beloved native New Yorker, daughter, mother, sister, and friend, whose life continues to inspire conversations surrounding compassion, dignity, and equitable treatment for all individuals, and whose memory remains a source of strength and reflection for her family and community; and

WHEREAS, The Butterfly Brunch serves as both a memorial tribute and a symbol of transformation, resilience, and hope, utilizing the butterfly as an enduring representation of healing, remembrance, and renewal; and

WHEREAS, In addition to honoring Miriam Carey's life, the event supports scholarship initiatives and community advocacy efforts designed to uplift future generations and continue the work of empowerment and education in her name; and

WHEREAS, Through her leadership and sustained advocacy, Valerie Carey has worked to transform personal grief into purposeful civic action, ensuring that Miriam Carey's legacy is preserved through remembrance, education, and community empowerment; and

WHEREAS, Through this annual observance, the Carey family and community supporters have created a sacred space for reflection,

fellowship, and engagement, ensuring that Miriam Carey's story and legacy continue to inspire meaningful dialogue and positive change; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize the significance of the Miriam Carey 4th Annual Butterfly Brunch and to commend all those whose dedication and perseverance continue to promote healing, remembrance, and justice; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the Miriam Carey 4th Annual Butterfly Brunch, to be held on September 20, 2026, and to extend sincere appreciation to Valerie Carey, the Carey family, organizers, supporters, and community advocates for their continued commitment to preserving Miriam Carey's legacy through service, remembrance, and community empowerment; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Valerie Carey and the organizers of the Miriam Carey 4th Annual Butterfly Brunch.