

Senate Resolution No. 2263

**BY:** Senator PARKER

**COMMENDING** Learning & Educational Solutions, Inc.,  
upon the occasion of hosting its 10th Anniversary  
Community Block Party on June 6, 2026

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations of high purpose and worthy accomplishment whose enduring commitment to educational equity, crisis intervention, and the empowerment of at-risk youth has enriched the civic life of the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Learning & Educational Solutions, Inc., (L.E.S., Inc.) upon the occasion of hosting its 10th Anniversary Community Block Party on Saturday, June 6, 2026; and

**WHEREAS,** Learning & Educational Solutions, Inc., founded in 2016, is a Minority Woman-Owned Business and 501(c)(3) nonprofit that specializes in non-pedagogical intervention services for at-risk, over-aged, and under-credited students and their families, operating under the mission of "ROADs: Removing Obstacles and Achieving Dreams - one family, one student, one community at a time"; and

**WHEREAS,** L.E.S., Inc., serves as an Educational Crisis Team, partnering with schools across New York City to identify and address the root causes of the obstacles that prevent students from graduating and utilizing their signature ROAD 2 Model to guide students toward self-efficacy, graduation, and a future beyond the dropout crisis; and

**WHEREAS,** At the heart of L.E.S., Inc., is its Founder and Executive Director, Tawana Butler-Batts, an MPA-credentialed, MWBE-certified leader who has spent more than 20 years developing and overseeing out-of-school time programming in New York City's most underserved communities; and

**WHEREAS,** A former paraprofessional, in-house substitute teacher, and school and community liaison, Tawana Butler-Batts has served as a bridge among schools, families, and the communities they call home throughout her career; as the co-founder of Be Seen Being Green, Inc., and the architect of community initiatives, including Well Done, New York City, the Leaders of Tomorrow forum, and the Together We Can Health Street Fairs, she has received proclamations from the Mayor of Miami-Dade County and the Honorable Mayor Bill de Blasio in recognition of her extraordinary community impact; and

**WHEREAS,** Today, through her Road 2 Graduation Program, Tawana Butler-Batts continues to be, as she has always been, a staple in the community and a force in the ever-changing educational system; and

**WHEREAS,** The 10th Anniversary Community Block Party is a celebration

of ten years of this extraordinary work - ten years of students kept in school, families supported through crisis, and futures made possible through the stubborn insistence that giving up is not an option; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is proudly moved to honor L.E.S., Inc., its founder, Tawana Butler-Batts, and its staff, students, families, and community partners whose decade of service stands as proof that when an organization truly believes in young people, those young people rise; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Learning & Educational Solutions, Inc., upon the occasion of hosting its 10th Anniversary Community Block Party on June 6, 2026, and to extend heartfelt congratulations to Tawana Butler-Batts and the entire L.E.S., Inc., family for ten years of "Removing Obstacles and Achieving Dreams"; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Tawana Butler-Batts, Founder and Executive Director, and the leadership, staff, and community of Learning & Educational Solutions, Inc., in recognition of their decade of dedicated service to the students and families of New York City.