

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Amber Lee Forrester upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition at the Young, Gifted, and Black Entrepreneurial Awards 20th Anniversary Gala on February 26, 2025

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor those enduring individuals and organizations which devote their purposeful energies to improving the quality and dignity of life of those they serve, to preserving their heritage, and to fostering pride among them; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Amber Lee Forrester upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition at the Young, Gifted, and Black Entrepreneurial Awards 20th Anniversary Gala on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at Terrace on the Park, Queens, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Young, Gifted, & Black (YGB) Entrepreneurial Awards were established in 2006 by Carl Gray as a platform to spotlight and celebrate everyday individuals who serve as positive role models, inspiring their peers through their accomplishments, perseverance, and contributions; and

WHEREAS, Carl Gray's vision for the YGB Entrepreneurial Awards has remained steadfast in ensuring recognition is given to those whose contributions, though not always highlighted in mainstream media, have a profound and lasting influence within their fields and society; and

WHEREAS, Amber Lee Forrester is the founder of the Quartz Wellness collective, an organization that provides life-enhancing resources and tools for women who seek to live healthier, happier, and more purposeful lifestyles; The Quartz Wellness Collective hosts and produces uplifting events, transformational workshops, retreats, and online content designed to promote mental, physical, emotional, financial, and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, With 15 years of event experience and 10 years of apparel design, manufacturing, sales, and marketing, Amber Lee Forrester has become adept at product development, branding, and online retail; she has even secured a deal on the popular ABC TV show, "Shark Tank" for her dog apparel company, Kane & Couture; and

WHEREAS, After a decade of building a successful pet apparel business, Amber Lee Forrester sought a career transition to focus on wellness, coaching, and motivational speaking; as a wife and mother, her priorities shifted, leading her to explore personal growth through travel, reading, journaling, and coaching; and

WHEREAS, Amber Lee Forrester created IPower, a young women's

empowerment camp, as well as The Glow Up Retreat, a wellness retreat in Grenada, to explore her new path and share the joy it brings; she also earned a certification in applied positive psychology and is building a social wellness community for multi-cultural women in urban areas; and

WHEREAS, With unrelenting care for the betterment of her community, Amber Lee Forrester has spoken at schools, churches, entrepreneur conferences, and her own wellness events and retreats, motivating people to find purpose, let go of limiting beliefs, and have the confidence to show up and accomplish what one's heart desires; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout has been her beloved husband, Garvin, and their two cherished children, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her fruitful life and rejoice in her numerous achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those individuals and organizations which give positive definition to the profile and disposition of the communities of the State of New York, do so profoundly strengthen our shared commitment to the exercise of freedom; now, therefore, be it.

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Amber Lee Forrester upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition at the Young, Gifted, and Black Entrepreneurial Awards 20th Anniversary Gala on Wednesday, February 26, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Amber Lee Forrester.