

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Nikki Kimbrough upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition at the Young, Gifted, & Black Entrepreneurial Awards 20th Anniversary Gala on February 26, 2025

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor those individuals and organizations which devote their purposeful energies to improve the dignity and quality of life of those they serve, preserve their heritage, and foster 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 Nikki Kimbrough upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition at the Young, Gifted, & Black Entrepreneurial Awards 20th Anniversary Gala at Terrace on the Park in Queens, New York, on Wednesday, February 26, 2025; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, the Young, Gifted, & Black (YGB) Entrepreneurial Awards were established 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, A proud alumna of the University of Virginia, with a master's degree from Syracuse University, Nikki Kimbrough utilizes her diverse skills to drive her entertainment and production venture, Kimbrough and Company, Inc.; she is also a lululemon Ambassador and Executive Producer of the talk shows, "The Ladies First Chit-Chat Crew" and "What Men Want"; and

WHEREAS, Nikki Kimbrough started her fitness journey as an elite athlete and national spokesperson for Bally Total Fitness, leading to her inspiration of the audiences of "The Steve Harvey Show," "Good Morning America," and "The Today Show"; and

WHEREAS, With her guiding principle, "Finding Your Fit," Nikki Kimbrough empowers individuals to discover what makes them feel good physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually; for more than 20 years, she has influenced her followers and fans with her expertise; she is the CEO and Founder of Get Fit with Nik, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Drawing from her experience as a former NCAA and professional long jumper, Nikki Kimbrough infuses her work with the determination of an elite athlete, sparking motivation through her popular program The S.P.A. Method, focusing on building strength,

discovering your power, and increasing agility; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, Nikki Kimbrough is a Broadway performer, singing with Tony nominee, Orfeh, and Emmy and Tony winner, Kristin Chenoweth; she is a mentor with Rosie's Theater Kids and Executive Director and Owner of the Harlem All-Stars Theater Group; 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, 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 Nikki Kimbrough upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition at the Young, Gifted, & Black Entrepreneurial Awards 20th Anniversary Gala on February 26, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Nikki Kimbrough.