Senate Resolution No. 418

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Dr. Neva Helena Alexander upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Visionary Awards Gala on March 9, 2025

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend individuals whose leadership, vision, and dedication have empowered communities and transformed industries; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Neva Helena Alexander upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Visionary Awards Gala, to be held on Sunday, March 9, 2025, in celebration of Women's History Month under the theme "Women of Destiny"; and

WHEREAS, A visionary leader in education, entrepreneurship, and professional development, Dr. Neva Helena Alexander serves as the CEO of Nevalliance and Co-Director of Ascend Long Island, where she champions innovation, business development, and economic empowerment; and

WHEREAS, As the founder of the National Educational Venture Alliance (NEVA), Dr. Neva Helena Alexander has dedicated her career to equipping students and professionals with the skills necessary for academic and professional success, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to education and lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, A renowned educator, speaker, and author, Dr. Neva Helena Alexander has become a sought-after thought leader, offering strategic insights on entrepreneurship, leadership, and women's empowerment through her engaging webinars, seminars, and workshops, making a lasting impact on diverse business sectors; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Neva Helena Alexander's global influence is reflected in her role as a keynote speaker and facilitator at international conferences, addressing critical topics such as leadership, entrepreneurship, and cultural diversity, with notable appearances at Harvard University, the United Nations, and international summits in Dubai, New Delhi, and Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, Since 2017, Dr. Neva Helena Alexander has led the International Women's Conference at Hofstra University, bringing together renowned global leaders to foster collaboration, mentorship, and empowerment for women in business and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, her commitment to advancing entrepreneurship and economic growth is evident in her work with Ascend Long Island, where she has helped numerous entrepreneurs navigate their developmental journeys, fostering sustainable business practices and innovation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Neva Helena Alexander's leadership and contributions have been recognized with numerous accolades, including the Long Island Power Women in Business Award in 2018, honoring her impact on the business and professional landscape; and

WHEREAS, A former President of the Caribbean Business Network, Dr. Neva Helena Alexander has consistently amplified voices in the business community, advocating for economic advancement, cultural diversity, and professional equity; and

WHEREAS, Her work continues to be a source of inspiration and a catalyst for positive change, empowering individuals and organizations worldwide through her commitment to education, entrepreneurship, and leadership development; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Neva Helena Alexander upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Visionary Awards Gala, commending her for her unparalleled contributions to education, economic empowerment, and global leadership; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Neva Helena Alexander.