Assembly Resolution No. 154

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HONORING Dr. Andrise Bass 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, dedication, and service have transformed communities and improved lives; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Andrise Bass 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, Dr. Andrise Bass is a beacon of inspiration who truly embodies visionary leadership and unwavering dedication in her tireless pursuit of creating a world of equality and positive change; and

WHEREAS, With a career spanning an impressive 29 years in the private and nonprofit sectors, Dr. Andrise Bass has established herself as a dynamic leader, renowned mentor, accomplished author, and passionate advocate on a global scale; and

WHEREAS, As the founder of the Humanitarian Focus Foundation in 2009, Dr. Andrise Bass has demonstrated her steadfast commitment to making a profound difference in the lives of others; her pioneering work in Haiti earned her an Honorary Mention from Walden University for her transformative reading program, which impacted the lives of over 1,600 children; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, her advocacy for education equity has left an indelible mark in Ivory Coast, Nigeria, Ghana, Zambia, Gambia, Peru, Uganda, and Guinea of Africa, bringing about significant positive change in communities worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Beyond education, Dr. Andrise Bass's impact extends to critical social issues, including human rights, social development, peacebuilding, immigration reform, and migration assessment; she established the Institute of Public Policy & Diplomacy Research to address these issues and empower individuals to create lasting peace for a better future; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Andrise Bass has received two Honorary Doctorate degrees for her humanitarian work and leadership, underscoring her commitment to advancing peace and conflict resolution on a global scale; and

WHEREAS, As a respected consultant for the United Nations, Dr.

Andrise Bass spearheads initiatives transcending borders and chairs the NGO Sustainable Development NY; her organization, the Humanitarian Focus Foundation, is associated with the UN Department of Communication and

the Youth and Capacity Building Department, further solidifying her influence on the global stage; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Andrise Bass's impact is not confined to policy and diplomacy; she is also a dedicated educator, mentor, and motivational speaker; through her books on leadership, business, and sustainable development diplomacy, she empowers individuals to become leaders in their fields and advocates for minority women speakers; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Andrise Bass exemplifies the spirit of leadership, resilience, and service, using her expertise to uplift communities, advocate for the underserved, and inspire the next generation of healthcare professionals; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Andrise Bass 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 healthcare, leadership, and community service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Andrise Bass.