

BY: M. of A. Cook

COMMENDING Shawlamar L. Carter upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the National Council of Negro Women-Queens County Section on June 8, 2025

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Shawlamar L. Carter upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the National Council of Negro Women-Queens County Section, to be celebrated at its 37th Annual Black and White Celebration of Honorees on Sunday, June 8, 2025, at Antun's in Queens Village, New York; and

WHEREAS, Shawlamar L. Carter, a proud native of Brooklyn who later made Queens her home, has dedicated her life to uplifting young people and transforming lives through mentorship, education, and community service; and

WHEREAS, Despite facing personal challenges in her youth due to the absence of mentorship and a father figure, Shawlamar L. Carter reclaimed her path with determination and faith, returning to New Greater Bethel Ministries Church in 2005 and stepping into the role of Youth Leader to inspire others as she once needed inspiration herself; and

WHEREAS, Passionate about nurturing the self-worth of young women, Shawlamar L. Carter created the Beautiful You program to help teenage girls embrace their inner beauty and potential, and later founded "Our Girls Matter (OGM)," a transformative initiative focused on empowering girls and young women to understand their value and strive toward inner stability; and

WHEREAS, Shawlamar L. Carter has served New York City's youth through roles in the Department of Education as a paraprofessional, and in community organizations such as the Child Center of New York and the Police Athletic League, where she worked as an activity specialist, recognized for her leadership, creativity, and ability to foster positive development; and

WHEREAS, In 2019, Shawlamar L. Carter became Vice President of the F.A.I.T.H. organization, bringing her advocacy for young women into alignment with a broader movement dedicated to guiding and empowering future generations, while emphasizing the critical role of women in strengthening community relationships and outcomes; and

WHEREAS, A certified Life Coach since 2016 and holder of a Mental Health Certification, Shawlamar L. Carter expanded her mission in 2020

by launching a health and wellness franchise, Total Life Changes, promoting holistic well-being and personal transformation through targeted products and services; and

WHEREAS, Shawlamar Carter's unwavering commitment to mentorship, empowerment, and youth development reflects the highest ideals of community service, and her work continues to impact lives by building confidence, stability, and purpose among the next generation; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Shawlamar L. Carter upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the National Council of Negro Women-Queens County Section; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Shawlamar L. Carter.