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Senate Resolution No. 2435

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING the 2024 recipients of the Women-N-M.O.T.I.O.N. Award by the Young, Gifted, & Black Entrepreneurial Awards Program

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary careers, accomplishments, and purposeful lives of service to their community and their profession; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the 2024 recipients of the Women-N-M.O.T.I.O.N. Award by the Young, Gifted, & Black Entrepreneurial Awards Program, to be celebrated on May 19, 2024, in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Established in 2006 by President/CEO of the NetLinkz Group, Inc., Carl O. Gray, the Young, Gifted & Black (YGB) Entrepreneurial Awards Program recognizes individuals who continue to reach levels of great success through hard work and determination, proving to be inspiring role models to their community and peers; and

WHEREAS, The Women-N-M.O.T.I.O.N. Award aims to honor those dedicated women who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary careers, accomplishments, and purposeful lives of service to their communities and profession; and

WHEREAS, This year's award recipients include: Anita Taylor, District Director for the Congresswoman of the 9th District of New York; Bridget D. Clyburn, MSN, RN, PMHNP-BC, Founder and CEO of Clyburn's

Mental Health Services for Women; Bridget Dunlop, BSN, RN, CEO of B.A.R. Medical Spa; Dr. Cressada Glean-Brillant, Psychotherapist; Dwana S. Marshall, Founder and Owner of Visions by Angel the Brand, LLC; Mackenzie Evans. 1st Grade Lead Teacher at Success Academy Charter School; Melanin Vallejos, COO, Women's Wellness Consultant & Event Coordinator, The Melanin Movement, Inc.; Nicole Evans, MHC-LP, Lead Clinician at Keep Smiling Therapy, Inc.; Raguel Miller, CEO, Bunchful Enterprise; Samantha Lawrence, LMSW, DSW(c), Founder, NEL Foundation; Shelly Browne, 8th Grade Guidance Counselor at I.S. 240 Andries Hudde IHS; Stacy McKenzie, co-owner of Mike's Bar & Lounge; Stacy McLeod Vickers, CEO of StacyMac Inc.; Tashawn Trinidad, Community Service Leader; Aria F. Wright, Founder and Owner of The Industry Connection and Brand Ambassador for Camus Cognac; Dr. Natalie Callis, DNP, RN-BC, NEA-BC, CNL, CPXP, CSSBG, Chief Nursing Officer at Planned Parenthood of Greater New York and Founder, President and Owner of Quintessential Consulting, LLC; and Yashica Smith, Founder of Shicares Medspa; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, the Young, Gifted & Black Entrepreneurial Awards Program acknowledges the talent, ambition, and achievements of African American and Caribbean professionals towards their continued pursuit of success; and

WHEREAS, The Young, Gifted & Black Entrepreneurial Awards Program was launched in honor of Black History Month and shines a light on

accomplished individuals who truly exemplify an entrepreneurial spirit; and

WHEREAS, Within every community, there are inevitably women who, by virtue of their energy, vision, and dedication, command the greatest respect among their friends and colleagues, and within the community at large; this year's awardees exemplify this notion; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commend individuals of outstanding character, who have shown initiative and commitment toward constantly pursuing higher goals for themselves, and acting as role models of leadership to be emulated by both peers and young people; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the 2024 recipients of the Women-N-M.O.T.I.O.N. Award by the Young, Gifted, & Black Entrepreneurial Awards Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the aforementioned honorees.