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Senate Resolution No. 2222

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Angela Yee upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a Phi Award by the Gamma Iota Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

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 Angela Yee upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a Phi Award by the Gamma Iota Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., to be celebrated at its Juneteenth Summer Formal on Saturday, June 18, 2022, at Terrace on the Park, Corona, New York; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha, the first intercollegiate Greek letter fraternity established by African-Americans, was founded on December 4, 1906, at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, by seven visionary men who together with other early leaders of Alpha Phi Alpha succeeded in laying a firm foundation for the fraternity's principles of scholarship, fellowship, good character and the uplifting of humanity; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious event offers an opportunity for the Gamma

Iota Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. to present the distinguished Phi Award to individuals who have made great accomplishments and have helped to better their community; Angela Yee is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, Angela Yee was born and raised in Flatbush, Brooklyn, where she attended Poly Prep before earning a degree in English from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut in 1997; she went on to become a successful entrepreneur and co-host of the nationally syndicated morning radio show, "The Breakfast Club"; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to her beloved community, Angela Yee is on the Board of Governors of the We Are Family Foundation and a Board member of the American Foundation for the University of the West Indies; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, she is the first-ever ambassador for the New York Public Library system, and since 2019, she has served as the BSE Global Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Engagement Ambassador; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to her community, Angela Yee has given tirelessly of her time and energies to countless organizations, including Dress for Success, which provides disadvantaged women with professional attire as well as career development skills and support; she is also involved with Coats for Kids, an organization dedicated to bringing winter coats to children in need; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, she hosted the 33rd Annual Coat for Kids Fundraiser and in subsequent years was present to hand-deliver coats and take photos with children and their families; additionally in 2015, she served as host of the second annual Children Making Strides Against Childhood Cancer event; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Angela Yee has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Angela Yee, that future generations may know and appreciate her admirable character, her many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which she is held by her peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Angela Yee upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a Phi Award by the Gamma Iota Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Angela Yee.