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Senate Resolution No. 5342

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING Donald Etienne upon the occasion of being named a 2018 Hall of Fame Honoree by Making the Impossible Possible, Inc. on May 27, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Donald Etienne upon the occasion of being named a 2018 Hall of Fame Honoree by Making the Impossible Possible, Inc., to be celebrated at its 7th Annual Power of Partnerships, Scholarship and Hall of Fame Gala on Sunday, May 27, 2018, at the BRIC Arts Media, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 2001, Making the Impossible Possible, Inc. (MIPO) is a non-profit membership organization, promoting the quality of life of Haitian youth in the United States and abroad through education, music, character building, medical care, apprenticeship training, family support and scholarships; and

WHEREAS, At the young age of 13, Donald Etienne started playing drums for churches in the tri-state area; later, he was introduced to local Kompa bands such as Fusion and Phantom while attending John Jay College to obtain a degree in business management; and

WHEREAS, Donald Etienne decided to become a disk jockey, and become known as DJ ESALAR; he continued to grow in the music industry while reinventing himself every year from being just a DJ to MC-ing weddings, upscale events, live radio broadcasting as well as broadening his resume to renting and engineering sound equipment; and

WHEREAS, As a professional DJ, Donald Etienne has witnessed first-hand the positive effects of music in individuals across nationalities; Donald uses his talents to support the causes of numerous organizations, such as MIPO, to help promote awareness of the work they do to enhance the lives of this generation and those to come; 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 Donald Etienne, that future generations may know and appreciate his admirable character, his many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which he is held by his peers; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for Donald Etienne and to wish him continued success in all of her future endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Donald Etienne upon the occasion of being named a 2018 Hall of Fame Honoree by Making the Impossible Possible, Inc. on May 27, 2018;

and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Donald Etienne.