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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring First Lady Sonya Shaw upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those individuals within the State of New York who give of their time and energies in support of spiritual endeavors which aim to benefit the community at large; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor First Lady Sonya Shaw upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition, to be celebrated on Saturday, October 13, 2012, at the Bethel Baptist Church Appreciation Luncheon in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born on Long Island, New York, Sonya Shaw gave her life to Jesus Christ at the age of nine; she later earned her bachelor's degree from Stony Brook University and her master's degree from Hunter College; and

WHEREAS, Sonya Shaw taught grade school in Brooklyn and served as a guidance counselor in the Uniondale School District; she currently works as a counselor in the Troy School District; and

WHEREAS, Sonya Shaw is a mother and is the wife of The Reverend Eric Shaw; having a passion for youth and singing, she is serving her eighth year as First Lady of Bethel Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Sonya Shaw has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished woman of God has always given enlightenment, guidance and wisdom to the many entrusted to her care and has administered abundantly and unstintingly to the spiritual and corporal needs of all; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individ-

ual for the benefit of others which Sonya Shaw has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor First Lady Sonya Shaw upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to First Lady Sonya Shaw.