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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Reverend Inez L. Harding for her 30 years of devoted service to the St. Albans Baptist Church community

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to bring full recognition and just tribute to those individuals who distinguish themselves and the ministry through their unremitting commitment and preeminence of service; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Reverend Inez L. Harding for her 30 years of devoted service to the St. Albans Baptist Church community to be celebrated on Saturday, April 26, 2014, at Antun's Catering Hall in Queens Village, New York; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Inez L. Harding was born in Richmond, Virginia, the third of seven children born to the late Viola and Burnice Melton; after graduating from high school, she moved to New York City to attain a degree in business; and

WHEREAS, After working as a bookkeeper-secretary for nine years, the then, Ms. Inez Melton, met her husband Reverend Curtis T. Harding in 1964; the couple had a short courtship and were married the next year; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, Inez Harding joined her husband when he became pastor of St. Albans Baptist Church; she quickly set up the new church office and volunteered teaching Sunday school classes as well as starting a hospitality ministry; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman soon became an invaluable part of the St Albans Baptist Church community; she instituted the Christian Women's Ministry, held workshops and organized Prayer Breakfasts; her women's retreats have become a special aspect of parish life, with conferences held in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, During this time, Inez L. Harding worked for New York Life

Insurance and attended Queens College, and the School of New Resources and International Seminary; she graduated from New York Theological Seminary in May, 2009, where she received a Certificate in Christian Ministry; and

WHEREAS, Inez L. Harding was ordained a Reverend in November of 2009; she is the Women's Adviser at St. Albans Baptist Church, and preaches on Mother's Day in addition to other occasions; and

WHEREAS, With the help of her guidance, the St. Albans Baptist Church has become actively involved in a number of charitable programs including a food pantry which reaches over 300 people, as well as a soup kitchen; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Reverend Curtis T. Harding, and their two children, as well as their two grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; 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, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when a person of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention it is appropriate to publicly and jubilantly proclaim and commend that individual for the edification of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Reverend Inez L. Harding for her 30 years of devoted service to St. Albans Baptist Church, noting her unremitting and compassionate faith and her exemplary service to God, man, and her community, and

extending to her the heartfelt best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reverend Inez L. Harding.