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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending The Reverend Marie Bernard upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by The Work of Salvation Ministries

WHEREAS, The character and richness of religious and community life in this noble Empire State is nourished and fulfilled through the faithful concern and selfless devotion of those who would commit their energies and purpose to the ministry of others; and

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 The Reverend Marie Bernard upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by The Work of Salvation Ministries, Hollis, New York; the achievements of this faithful woman were celebrated at her 70th Birthday Appreciation Day, on Saturday, March 8, 2014, at the Gateway World Christian Center in Valley Stream, New York; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Marie Bernard has brought to her ministry an overwhelming spirit of charity and compassion, acting from vision and enlightenment in conducting her administrative and spiritual duties, while always displaying the highest standards of personal and professional integrity and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Marie Bernard was born on March 8, 1944, in Port-De-Paix, Haiti, and migrated to the United States in 1972; she received a bachelor's degree in nursing from Charles E. Gregory Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy, New Jersey, and worked for the Visiting Nurse Service of New York for more than twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, When she was called to the ministry in 1979, Dr. Marie

Bernard earned a bachelor's degree from Macedonia University, and received an honorary doctoral degree in ministry from Anointing of God Bible College; since then, she has worked in multiple ministerial and leadership capacities; as an international evangelist pastor and counselor, she has conducted numerous evangelical crusades, gospel concerts, women's conferences, youth meetings and leadership conferences throughout the United States, Canada, the Middle East, Africa and the West Indies; and

WHEREAS, In 1995 Dr. Marie Bernard established The Work of Salvation Ministries in Queens Village, New York, where she is the overseer; in addition, this extraordinary spiritual leader assists local churches in organizing around health education, and takes time to visit correctional facilities to minister to inmates and prison guards, as well as homeless shelters, hospitals, and nursing homes; she has also successfully set up missionary medical teams with different charity organizations to assist the poor and needy throughout the world, especially in Haiti; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Elmont, New York, Dr. Marie Bernard has been accompanied throughout by her devoted sons, Jean and Edmunds, who 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 his care and has administered abundantly and unstintingly to the spiritual and corporal needs of all; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 The Reverend Marie Bernard upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by The Work of Salvation Ministries, noting her unremitting and compassionate faith and her exemplary service to God,

humanity, 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 Dr. Marie Bernard.