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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Nelly Gicho-Niyonzima upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Ambassador for Christ International Outreach Ministry and Gateway Christian Center on Sunday, May 4, 2014

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, A great community is only as great as those persons who provide exemplary service, whether through participation in voluntary programs, through unique personal achievement in their profession or other endeavors, or simply through a lifetime of good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Nelly Gicho-Niyonzima upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Ambassador for Christ International Outreach Ministry and Gateway Christian Center at its 4th Annual Pastors and Women of Distinction Appreciation Awards Gala on Sunday, May 4, 2014, at Floral Terrace, Floral Park, New York; and

WHEREAS, Nelly Niyonzima is being recognized for her exemplary work and commitment to her community, which serves to empower others; and

WHEREAS, A native Kenyan, Nelly Niyonzima earned a master's degree in Diplomacy and International Affairs and is working on her doctorate in Pole Universitaire Euclide/Euclide University, focusing on human trafficking; she is married to H.E. Ambassador Hermenegilde Niyonzima, the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Burundi to the United Nations; they are the proud parents of two beautiful children; and

WHEREAS, She is a Development specialist and her areas of expertise include Diplomacy, Human Rights, Conflict and Transition, Governance, Education, Ethics and Public Policy; previously, as a researcher, she

worked for the Department of International Development in Kenya and also Disarmament Demobilization and Reintegration of ex-combatants program in the Republic of Burundi; and

WHEREAS, Nelly Niyonzima is the Founder and CEO of The Connected Hearts Inc., a non-partisan organization which mobilizes people in support of Zero-exploitation of women and children, the 2030 Agenda; 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 honor Nelly Gicho-Niyonzima upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Ambassador for Christ International Outreach Ministry and Gateway Christian Center on Sunday, May 4, 2014, noting her unremitting and compassionate faith and her exemplary service to God, man, and her community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Nelly Gicho-Niyonzima.