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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring The Honorable Dr. Una S.T. Clarke 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 The Honorable Dr. Una S.T. Clarke 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, Dr. Una S.T. Clarke is being recognized for her exemplary work and commitment to her community, which serves to empower others; and

WHEREAS, Born in the parish of St. Elizabeth, Jamaica, West Indies, Dr. Una S.T. Clarke migrated to the United States as a foreign student in 1958; she is the first Caribbean-born woman elected to the New York City Legislature; she is a dedicated leader whose hard work and tireless advocacy have brought remarkable changes to her community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Una S.T. Clarke holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Long Island University and a Master of Education degree from New York University, with additional postgraduate studies at Teachers College and

the School of Business at Columbia University; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Leslie Clarke Sr., and their two children, Yvette D. Clarke and Leslie Clarke Jr., as well as three grandsons, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; 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 The Honorable Dr. Una S.T. Clarke 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 The Honorable Dr. Una S.T. Clarke.