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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Marie Bernard 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 Dr. Marie Bernard 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. Marie Bernard is being recognized for her exemplary work and commitment to her community, which serves to empower others; and

WHEREAS, Born on March 8, 1944, in Port-De-Paix, Haiti, Dr. Marie Bernard migrated to the United States in 1972; for the past 20 years, she has worked in different ministerial and leadership capacities; and

WHEREAS, A resident in New York State for over 30 years, she has worked as a nurse, counselor, health educator teacher in the classroom setting; after over 25 years of working as a nurse, counselor, educator, with people of diverse ethnic and economic backgrounds, guiding and supporting them to cope with various family problems and life challenges, her work took her all over the country and she has participated

in seminars in Albany, the Caribbean, and Canada; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Dr. Marie Bernard established The Work of Salvation Ministries in Queens Village, New York, and is dedicated to reaching and changing lives within her community; she also provides leadership to the ministry chaplaincy Christian board, and is actively involved with the homeless food pantry outreach evangelism home prayer and street ministry throughout the United States and foreign countries; 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 Dr. Marie Bernard 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 Dr. Marie Bernard.