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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 41st Anniversary of Evangelical Crusade of Fishers of Men

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to celebrate the milestones of those enduring places of worship within the State of New York which serve the spiritual needs of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 41st Anniversary of Evangelical Crusade of Fishers of Men, to be celebrated in May 2014; and

WHEREAS, A visionary, a leader, a pioneer are just a few words to describe Pastor Philius Honorat Nicolas, founder and head pastor of Evangelical Crusade of Fishers of Men (ECFM); this particular ministry which started on May 20, 1973, at a daycare center on Bedford Avenue in Brooklyn, has now manifested to one of the largest Haitian churches in the Haitian community, with almost 2,000 active members; and

WHEREAS, Born in Petionville, Haiti, Pastor Nicolas married his wife Helen when he was 25 years old; in 1955, he was determined that in 1957, he was going to start working in the ministry; and

WHEREAS, Afterwards, Pastor Nicolas moved to the United States in 1965, and later, his wife and five kids came in 1968; starting in the ministry part-time, Pastor Nicolas worked various jobs from a factory worker to an X-Ray technician; and

WHEREAS, Despite his various jobs, Pastor Nicolas's primary focus was the ministry; after ECFM's humble beginnings on Bedford Avenue, in 1978, the Church moved to New York Avenue and then to its present location 557 East 31st Street, Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Establishing his home church, Pastor Nicolas has preached throughout the United States and overseas; in addition, to spreading the

Gospel in various countries, he has ECFM congregations in other countries, as well as in Arizona and on Roosevelt, Long Island; also in his native Haiti, he has 12 congregations and various schools; and WHEREAS, Along with his wife, Helen, with him throughout have been their children, Samuel, Kelly, Ketsia, Harold and Philip, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, ECFM stands on the threshold of tomorrow, prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades while retaining that spiritual resolve which characterizes its past; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 41st Anniversary of Evangelical Crusade of Fishers of Men; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Pastor Philius Honorat Nicolas of Evangelical Crusade of Fishers of Men.