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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Reverend Derida A. Deflorimonte 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, The character and richness of religious and community life in this noble Empire State are 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 honor Reverend Derida A. Deflorimonte 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, Pastor Derida A. Deflorimonte is being recognized for her exemplary work and commitment to her community, which serves to empower others; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Derida A. Deflorimonte was born on February 8, 1957 in Guyana; she migrated to the United States in 1967 and attended Brooklyn High School; and

WHEREAS, Continuing her education, Pastor Derida A. Deflorimonte earned a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from the College of New Rochelle and is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Mental Health Counseling from which she is expected to graduate in May of 2014; and

WHEREAS, Upon receiving her call to the ministry, Pastor Derida A. Deflorimonte enrolled in the Community Bible Institute Seminary of Brooklyn, New York; she is a Government Certified Marriage Officiate, Certified Chaplain, Temperament Counselor, and a Professional Pastor Clinical Member of the National Christian Counselors Association; she has also served as a Counselor at the Old Westbury Juvenile Detention Center; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Derida A. Deflorimonte is currently the pastor of Tabernacle of Praise International Ministry in Springfield Gardens, New York where she serves as Executive Secretary and on numerous church committees; she is presiding prelate and overseer of the church Evangelist Outreach Ministries and the International Fellowship Ministries; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Pastor Carl, their four beautiful children, Lindera, Andrew, Derrick and Lindsey, 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 Reverend Derida A. Deflorimonte 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 Reverend Deride A. Deflorimonte.