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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending The Honorable Councilwoman Valerie M. Cartright 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 commend The Honorable Councilwoman Valerie M. Cartright 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, Valerie M. Cartright is being recognized for her exemplary work and commitment to her community, which serves to empower others; and

WHEREAS, Elected on November 5, 2013, Valerie M. Cartright is currently serving her first term as Councilwoman in the Town of Brookhaven; for the past decade, she has served as a tireless and community-conscious advocate and attorney; and

WHEREAS, A Senior Associate at the Law Offices of Frederick K. Brewington, Valerie M. Cartright earned her Juris Doctorate from Touro College Jacob D. Fuschberg Law Center in Suffolk County, after receiving her undergraduate degree in International Studies from West Virginia

University; she has gained invaluable experience in the areas of construction law, insurance defense, general civil and criminal law, family, education and labor, and employment law; and

WHEREAS, Valerie M. Cartright's advocacy skills have warranted her First Place Award and Best Oralist Award in Touro Law School's John S. Bainbridge Moot Court Competition, as well as being named a Regional Finalist of the National Black Law Students' Association Frederick Douglas Moot Court Competition; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Valerie M. Cartright served as the first African-American Chair of the largest section of the New York State Bar Association, the Young Lawyers Section, and published an article in the NEW YORK LAW JOURNAL entitled, "The Integrity of the American Justice System"; and

WHEREAS, In addition to practicing law, Valerie M. Cartright currently serves as an Adjunct Instructor at St. Joseph's College in the Human Services Management and Leadership Master's program, teaching a Leadership, Law and Ethics course; 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 commend The Honorable Councilwoman Valerie M. Cartright 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 Valerie M. Cartright.