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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Reverend Dr. Reuben Chizor upon the occasion of his 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 Dr. Reuben Chizor upon the occasion of his 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, Reverend Dr. Reuben Chizor is being recognized for his exemplary work and commitment to his community, which serves to empower others: and WHEREAS, Born in Nigeria, West Africa, Reverend Dr. Reuben Chizor was called to the Ministry in 1978; during this time he joined the Deeper Christian Life Ministry in Lagos, Nigeria where he received his early Christian tutoring before attending Bible College; upon his graduation, he became active in rural evangelism, resulting in the planting of

numerous churches across denominations in different parts of Nigeria;

and

WHEREAS, Migrating to the United States in 1991, Reverend Dr. Reuben Chizor settled in New York; he is the Founder and General Overseer of Hope Restoration Ministries, a Christian faith-based organization; Hope Restoration Ministries and Hope Restoration Medical Mission Worldwide were incorporated in 1991; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he is the Founder of Alpha Community Care Outreach and New Hope Restoration Gifted Academy, an innovative program which serves to bridge the educational gap and serve the children and youth who are neglected and underserved by the present educational system; and

WHEREAS, Active within his community, Reverend Dr. Reuben Chizor provides numerous community outreach and enlightenment campaigns, operating a food pantry in conjunction with United Way, as well as providing a variety of counseling and support services to the youth of Queens; 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 Dr. Reuben Chizor upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Ambassador for Christ International Outreach Ministry and Gateway Christian Center on Sunday, May 4, 2014, noting his unremitting and compassionate faith and his exemplary service to God, man, and his community; and be it further RESOLVED. That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reverend Dr. Reuben Chizor.