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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Reverend Gwendolyn Mason-Tynes 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 Gwendolyn Mason-Tynes 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, Reverend Gwendolyn Mason-Tynes is being recognized for her exemplary work and commitment to her community, which serves to empower others; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Gwendolyn Mason-Tynes is Associate Minister at the Rescue Baptist Church in New York City where she was ordained, and where she conducts a mid-week ministry called "Sundays Are Not Enough"; her many ministerial associations include the Baptist Ministers Conference of New York and Greater Vicinity, as well as the International Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Gwendolyn Mason-Tynes was born in Selma, Alabama,

and relocated to New York City; she holds a bachelor's degree in Health Care Administration from Herbert H. Lehman College, CUNY, and an LPN certificate from the New York City Board of Education; this devoted woman of God undertook her religious education at the New York School of the Bible, where she completed four certificate programs, and completed her studies at Manhattan Bible Institute; and

WHEREAS, A woman of many hats, Reverend Gwendolyn Mason-Tynes is the owner and proprietor of Lamb's Christian Bookstore, and is an active member of the National Action Network, the National Association of Professional Women, and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History; wife of the late Reverend Harry J. Tynes, she is also a devoted mother, foster parent, and informal child care provider; 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 Gwendolyn Mason-Tynes 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, humanity, and her community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reverend Gwendolyn Mason-Tynes.