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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Reverend Philip Craig 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 Philip Craig 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 Philip Craig is being recognized for his exemplary work and commitment to his community, which serves to empower others; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Philip Craig is an ordained Elder with The Greater Allen AME Cathedral of New York, where he established the Dedicated and Devoted Servants (D.A.D.S.) ministry, formerly known as the Allen Father Support Ministry, has served in leadership roles in the "Kingdom Keepers" Men's Ministry, as well as the Discipleship Ministry, and has also served as Personal Community Liaison to the Honorable Rev. Dr. Floyd H. Flake, Senior Pastor of the congregation; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Philip Craig was raised in Jamaica, Queens, New York, where he resides with his wife and three children; he holds a bachelor's degree in Organizational Management, master's degrees in Business Administration and Divinity, and is currently a doctoral candidate at New York Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Known as a dynamic preacher and skilled teacher and motivational speaker, Reverend Philip Craig has served as Senior Pastor at The Greater Springfield Community Church in South East Queens, New York for two years; under his luminous leadership, the church has transformed from a failing ministry with only a handful of parishioners and no programs, into a flourishing and growing congregation with a membership of more than 100 parishioners, discipleship, communications, music, youth and outreach ministries, and active programs; 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 Philip Craig 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, humanity, and his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reverend Philip Craig.