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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Marlene Taylor 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 honor Dr. Marlene Taylor 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, Dr. Marlene Taylor is being recognized for her exemplary work and commitment to her community, which serves to empower others; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Marlene Taylor is a physician on staff at Montefiore Medical Center in Bronx, New York, where she serves in the Infectious Disease Clinic, and provides primary care to patients living with HIV and HCV; prior to this appointment in 2011, this compassionate healer spent more than a decade on the front lines of the HIV and Hepatitis C epidemic as a member of the staff of the Special Services Clinic at North General Hospital in Central Harlem, New York, from the late 1990s until the institution closed in 2010; and

WHEREAS, A mother of two, Dr. Marlene Taylor earned her bachelor's

degree in Biology at Fordham University, and undertook her medical training in the Harlem Hospital Physician Associate Program in 1981; she continued her education at Columbia University and New York Medical College; and

WHEREAS, In addition to managing the complex medical complications associated with HIV and Hepatitis C, as her patients age, Dr. Marlene Taylor addresses the treatment of the challenging co-morbid conditions of hypertension, diabetes, cancer, cardiovascular diseases, stroke, substance abuse and STDs; with the knowledge only experience brings, this dedicated woman is passionate about addressing health disparities, and, to that end, consults with organizations such as the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS and COPE, as well as serving as an issue expert to news media; 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 Dr. Marlene Taylor 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 Dr. Marlene Taylor.