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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Reverend Theresa Ora Wyatt 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 Theresa Ora Wyatt 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 Theresa Ora Wyatt is being recognized for her exemplary work and commitment to her community, which serves to empower others; and

WHEREAS, Born to Anna Nell Wyatt and the late John Willie Wyatt on August 8, 1959, Reverend Theresa Ora Wyatt entered the prestigious Bronx High School of Science at just 14 years old; and

WHEREAS, With a true passion for learning, Reverend Theresa Ora Wyatt went to Vassar College, graduated from Sarah Lawrence College's Pre-medical Studies Program, attended Columbia University's Post Graduate Program, and graduated from Adelphi University's Lawyer's Assistants

Program; and

WHEREAS, In addition, she earned a Real Estate Salesperson's Certificate from New York University Real Estate Institute, and concomitantly attended Fordham Graduate School at Lincoln Center's Master of Business Administration Program with a concentration in marketing, while earning a Juris Doctor from City University of New York Law School; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her many years of academia as a scholar, Reverend Theresa Ora Wyatt worked as a National Science Foundation Fellow in Biochemistry and Nutritional Science, Building Office Secretary for Webb & Brooker Real Estate, Inc., Law Intern with New York City Law Department, Law Intern at The Center for Law and Social Justice at Medgar Evers College, as well as teacher of Street Law at the Ridgewood-Seneca Senior Center and the Corona Golden Age Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, Upon her call to the ministry, Reverend Theresa Ora Wyatt preached for more than eight years under an Evangelism License from Christian Universal Temple Baptist Church in Corona, New York; she was then ordained in the Gospel Ministry which she has since served for more than 20 years, and is the Founding Pastor of Churchill Baptist Church of Christ, Inc. of Harlem, New York; 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 Theresa Ora Wyatt 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 Reverend Theresa Ora Wyatt.