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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending radio personality William K. De Fossett, Jr. upon the occasion of the celebration of his 15th Anniversary as host of the 3G Experience at WHCR 90.3 Harlem

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality and character of life in this great Empire State is indelibly enriched by the faithful and untiring efforts of those individuals who have helped shape the history of broadcasting in their area; and

WHEREAS, It is also the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize the efforts of those individuals within the State of New York who give of their time and energies in support of spiritual endeavors which aim to benefit the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concerns, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend radio personality William K. De Fossett, Jr. upon the occasion of the celebration of his 15th Anniversary as host of the 3G Experience at WHCR 90.3, Harlem, New York, to be observed at a special event on Saturday, May 10, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Affectionately known as "Brother Bill," William K. De Fossett, Jr., is the creator of the 3G Experience, a unique four-hour weekly gospel music radio program broadcast from the studios of WHCR, the radio station of City College, CUNY; so-named to represent the Gift, the Grace and the Glory, the 3G Experience, has been a lifeline to thousands of listeners throughout the New York City area and across the country; and

WHEREAS, Brother Bill's skillful mix of gospel music, enlightening interviews with local pastors, politicians, and other distinguished guests, and open forums in which listeners may express themselves, provides encouragement and information to listeners seeking a mid-week

spiritual boost; the show is particularly popular with homebound persons and senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, Brother Bill was born and raised in Harlem, and has maintained a profound commitment to his community throughout his worthy life; under his inspired guidance, the 3G Experience has expanded into a faith-based organization that trains young people in media and communication arts, provides mentoring for the children of incarcerated individuals, and offers a variety of counseling and training services for its listeners and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Brother Bill has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the 3G Experience, he has used his knowledge of the gospel music world to produce and host many concerts in Harlem and along the East Coast; he presented a weekly "Enchanted Evening of Gospel Music" at Harlem's celebrated Amy Ruth's restaurant, and the Pathmark Gospel Concert Series; and

WHEREAS, Brother Bill has also been a judge at the World Famous Apollo Theater's Gospel Amateur Night, as well as the Ringmaster at the Univer-Soul Circus during its visit to New York City; most recently, this tireless man has begun a Gospel Showcase in Harlem where new talent is discovered and developed; and

WHEREAS, An accomplished journalist, Brother Bill has been a news reporter for many of New York City's local radio stations, and has also been a contributor to the NEW YORK AMSTERDAM NEWS, the former NEW YORK COURIER, and currently contributes to the HARLEM NEWS; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished man proudly served his country in the United States Army as an officer in the 369th Transportation Battalion,

the Harlem Hellfighter's, and is a Life-member of the 369th; he has also worked for the physical well-being of his community as a member of the New York City Fire Department's Emergency Medical Service; and

WHEREAS, Deeply committed to the church community, Brother Bill, who holds a bachelor's degree in Theology from Temple Theological College, serves as the Minister of Music at Faith Memorial Baptist Church in the Bronx, New York, and strives to maintain relationships with the clergy and congregations across his community.

WHEREAS, William K. De Fossett, Jr. has, throughout his career and purposeful life, served his community with integrity and devotion, continuously striving to meet the needs of his listeners through entertainment and enlightenment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend radio personality William K. De Fossett, Jr. upon the occasion of the celebration of his 15th Anniversary as host of the 3G Experience at WHCR 90.3, Harlem; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to William K. De Fossett, Jr.