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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Reverend Dr. Sunny Philip 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 Dr. Sunny Philip 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 Dr. Sunny Philip, who has served as a Pastor for more than 25 years, is being recognized for his exemplary work and commitment to his community, which serves to empower others; and

WHEREAS, Senior Pastor of the multi-cultural Gateway World Christian Center, a non-international denominational, full gospel, community oriented church in Valley Stream, New York, Reverend Dr. Sunny Philip is responsible for the spiritual well-being of its parishioners; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Reverend Dr. Sunny Philip established the Global Network of Christian Indian Leaders (GONCIL), a leadership network for Indian Christian Ministers which conducts leadership development confer-

ences in different nations across the globe; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Sunny Philip holds a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Kerala University in India, a Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from Polytechnic University, a Master's degree in Practical Theology from Trinity College, and an Honorary Doctorate in Christian Education from Freedom Theological Seminary in Rogers, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his devoted wife, Pastor Mercy, co-pastor of Gateway World Christian Center, as well as his three loving children and his grandson, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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 Dr. Sunny Philip 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 her exemplary service to God, man, and his community; and be it further

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