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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Helen Graham upon the occasion of her designation as a Mother of Pearl by the Frank Chapman Memorial Institute on May 10, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals of firm belief and commitment who have devoted their purposeful lives to the service of faith and community; Helen Graham is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Helen Graham upon the occasion of her designation as a Mother of Pearl by the Frank Chapman Memorial Institute to be celebrated at its 6th Annual Mothers of Pearl Extravaganza on Saturday, May 10, 2014, at the Albany Ramada Plaza Hotel in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, A pillar in her community, Helen Graham is being recognized as a strong woman who has shown extraordinary wisdom, courage and strength in her community; and

WHEREAS, Helen Graham serves as a missionary for the Sweet Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Helen Graham has brought to her ministry an overwhelming spirit of charity and compassion, acting from vision and enlightenment in conducting her administrative and spiritual duties, while always displaying the highest standards of personal and professional integrity and dedication; and

WHEREAS, For 40 years, Helen Graham rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to Albany Memorial Hospital before she retired; and WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Robert, until his passing, and their four children, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished woman of God has always given enlightenment, guidance and wisdom to the many entrusted to her care and has administered abundantly and unstintingly to the spiritual and corporal needs of all; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Helen Graham upon the occasion of her designation as a Mother of Pearl by the Frank Chapman Memorial Institute on May 10, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Helen Graham.