

## 2015-J549

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Florence Timothy for her distinguished community service on February 14, 2015, in conjunction with the observance of Black History Month

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Florence Timothy for her distinguished community service to be celebrated on February 14, 2015, at the Brown Memorial Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York, in conjunction with the observance of Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, Florence Timothy, or "Miss Florence," as she is affectionately known, was born in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, where she graduated high school; in the early 1960s, she emigrated to New York City to make a better life for her family; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed woman worked at the flagship Saks Fifth Avenue store in Manhattan for over 20 years, managing the Fine Jewelry & Fashion Jewelry Departments; subsequently, she opened a wedding and special occasion boutique until retiring in 2000, to become a full time community activist; and

WHEREAS, Florence Timothy's first experience with community activism came in the form of coordinating sidewalk sales for local entrepreneurs and vendors to sell arts and crafts, baked goods, and clothing; these events were a big success and brought local residents together in a positive way; and

WHEREAS, Seeing an opportunity to further help the community, Florence Timothy continued to hold these events as fundraisers for local food pantries, shelters, schools, churches and to help local entrepreneurs reach their goals; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Florence Timothy has been a proud supporter of the Young Entrepreneur Sidewalk Sale, which provides neighborhood children with the opportunity to learn entrepreneurship by selling their own wares and creations; she also helped organize a bus ride for the children to go to Dorney Park along with their parents and grandparents; and

WHEREAS, Since then, Florence Timothy has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Florence Timothy has contributed her time and energies to countless worthy causes over the years, including neighborhood beautification projects, the Teen Challenge, food drives for storm and earthquake victims, and fundraisers for local schools; and

WHEREAS, A woman of faith, Florence Timothy can often be found at her church, Queen of All Saints; it is her devoted values which continue to inspire her drive to help others; and

WHEREAS, Florence Timothy has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades for her outstanding service, including the Brooklyn Teen Challenge Crystal Hope Award, the God Touch Our Children Picture Award, the Parent Teachers Association Appreciation Award, and the New York City Department for the Aging Award for Dedicated Service to the Community; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her four children, and five grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Florence Timothy has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Florence Timothy for her distinguished community service, in conjunction with the observance of Black History Month; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Florence Timothy.