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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Dr. Andrea M. Hargett upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition after 19 years of distinguished service as the Pastor of St. Matthew's Community A.M.E. Church in Hollis, Queens

WHEREAS, The character and richness of religious and community life in this noble Empire State is 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 custom 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 commend Dr. Andrea M. Hargett upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition after 19 years of distinguished service as the Pastor of St. Matthew's Community A.M.E. Church in Hollis, Queens, to be celebrated on Saturday, March 21, 2015; and

WHEREAS, An educator and advocate for youth, Reverend Dr. Andrea M. Hargett and the congregation of St. Matthew's Community A.M.E. Church work side by side fulfilling their call to strengthen families and communities locally and internationally; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Andrea M. Hargett and the congregation of St.

Matthew's Community A.M.E. Church have partnered with several community organizations to promote and enhance after school and mentoring programs; and

WHEREAS, A former teacher with the Department of Education, Reverend Dr. Andrea M. Hargett recognizes the positive difference a church can make in the life of individuals, and maximizes the opportunity to foster

spiritual, emotional, social, and academic growth through active ministries and outreach programs; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Reverend Dr. Andrea M. Hargett works with African American clergywomen experiencing compassion fatigue; and WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Andrea M. Hargett has received several degrees including: Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology, Hunter College, New York City; Master of Science degree in Special Education, Adelphi University, Garden City, New York; Master of Library Science degree, Queens College, New York City; Master of Divinity degree, New Brunswick Theological Seminary; Master of Science degree in Education and Advanced Certificate in School Psychology, Brooklyn College, New York City; and Ph.D. in Marriage and Family Therapy, Eastern University, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Warren Hargett, Sr., and their son, Warren J., Jr., both of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Andrea M. Hargett 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, 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 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 commend Dr. Andrea M. Hargett upon the occasion of her designation for

special recognition after 19 years of distinguished service as the Pastor of St. Matthew's Community A.M.E. Church in Hollis, Queens, noting her unremitting and compassionate faith and her exemplary service to God, man, and her community, and extending to her the heartfelt best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Pastor Dr. Andrea M. Hargett.