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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ace Coloma-Militar upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the prestigious Mother's Day Award by the National Action Network and Gateway Christian Center

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to commend 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 concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Honorable Ace Coloma-Militar upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the prestigious Mother's Day Award by the National Action Network and Gateway Christian Center, to be celebrated at its Government Gala Awards Ceremony, on Sunday, May 10, 2015, at Jericho Terrace, Mineola, New York; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious award is given to women who have demonstrated exemplary works, services, and commitment to the people of their communities; Ace Coloma-Militar truly deserves this honor for her contributions to society; and

WHEREAS, Ace Coloma was born to Mr. and Mrs. Adolfo Coloma in Manila, Philippines; as a student, she organized a Sunday School Class in Cauyan Church for the children in her family, as well as the neighborhood children; and

WHEREAS, Ace Coloma achieved the rank of Valedictorian in her high

school class; in 1979, she went on to receive her Bachelor's degree in Communication Arts at the University of the Philippines, Los Banos; and WHEREAS, While in college, Ace Coloma participated in Sama-sining Choir and Teatro, Com Arts Society, and held the position of Treasurer for Beta Kappa Sigma Sorority; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, Ace Coloma married Malthie Militar, and they had three wonderful boys; she dedicated her time and energies to taking care of her family; therefore, she was the proud recipient of the Parent of the Year award by the Pio Del Pilar Elementary School in Manila; and

WHEREAS, While employed with the Department of Agrarian Reform, Ace Coloma-Militar spearheaded the organization of a Credit Union, and was elected to the position of Chairwoman; she was selected to be one of the Women Leaders in the office, guiding the group in the General Assembly at the Beijing +5 Plan of Action held at the United Nations, in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Ace Coloma-Militar served as President of the Women's Baptist Union for the province of Oriental Mindoro; she also sponsored and organized the Samahan ng mga Kababaihang Magsasaka, a women's farmers group, where she coordinated activities and educated the women about self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, Ace Coloma-Militar and her family moved to New York City; in 2002, she was employed as a Paralegal, and then went on to serve as a UPK Lead Teacher at the Horace E. Greene Child Care Center, in Brooklyn for two years; and

WHEREAS, Ace Coloma-Militar then worked at Originals of Jamaica Day Care Center, in Queens for seven years; she was also a licensed Real Estate Agent with Douglas Elliman; and

WHEREAS, Known as Mother Teresa in her community, Ace Coloma-Militar helped children with their studies, fed and housed homeless families, bought school supplies for the children of her church, helped the unemployed find jobs, and financially supported those in need; and

WHEREAS, Today, Ace Coloma-Militar is a faithful member of her church and serves as an Education Director at Help USA, as well as a member of the Association of Fil-American Teachers Association (AFTA), where she received a service award; 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 Ace Coloma-Militar upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the prestigious Mother's Day Award by the National Action Network and Gateway Christian Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ace Coloma-Militar, the National Action Network, and the Gateway Christian Center.