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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Stephanie Delia, Esq. 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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals within the legal field who distinguish themselves through professional excellence and who have made significant contributions to the quality of life of citizens in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Stephanie Delia, Esq., 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 her community; Stephanie Delia, Esq., truly deserves this honor for her contributions to society; and

WHEREAS, At the young age of seven, Stephanie Delia and her parents immigrated from Haiti to the United States; she has lived in New York City ever since; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie Delia earned her bachelor's degree from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, in New York City; she then went on to obtain her Juris Doctor degree from Thomas Cooley Law School in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Stephanie Delia, Esq., is a member of the New York State Bar Association, the New York City Bar Association, and the Haitian American Lawyers Association of New York; and WHEREAS, A well-respected Immigration Attorney, Stephanie Delia, Esq., is the owner/operator of Delia Advocates, LLP, a flourishing private practice in the Financial District of New York City; in addition, she works with one of the largest non-profit immigration organizations in the country, CUNY Citizenship Now, where she provides free immigration services in low-income communities throughout the Tri-state area; and WHEREAS, Proud of her Haitian roots, Stephanie Delia, Esq., is honored to serve the immigrant population in numerous legal matters, including Temporary Protected Status (TPS), both renewals and late initial registrations; adjustment of status, with and without inadmissibility issues, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA); naturalization applications, with and without deportability and inadmissibility issues; derivative and acquisition of citizenship, travel documents, document renewals, and deportations; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Stephanie Delia, Esq., holds the title of Chief of Staff and Counselor of the National Action Network West Nassau Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie Delia, Esq., has also given numerous immigration presentations to various colleges and non-profit organizations, such as the National Action Network; she also coordinates and participates in several Temporary Protected Status and Naturalization pro bona document assistance events; 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 Stephanie Delia, Esq., 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 Stephanie Delia, Esq., the National Action Network, and the Gateway Christian Center.