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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Margalie Rodriguez, 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, 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Margalie Rodriguez, 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 their communities; Margalie Rodriguez, Esq. truly deserves this honor for her contributions to her Brooklyn neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Margalie Rodriguez, Esq. received her bachelor's degree from Brooklyn College; she then went on to earn her Master's degree in both International Law and International Relations from St. John's University, New York City; and

WHEREAS, Margalie Rodriguez, Esq. obtained two law degrees from Touro Law Center, Central Islip, New York; and

WHEREAS, New York State Attorney Margalie Rodriguez is employed with a private law firm specializing in immigration, divorce, and real estate laws; since 1994, Margalie Rodriguez, Esq. has held the position of

Supervisor with the Nassau County Commission on Human Rights; and WHEREAS, In her supervisory role at the Nassau County Human Rights Commission, Margalie Rodriguez, Esq. manages the investigation of discrimination complaints filed against Nassau County respondents; in addition, she assists the Executive Director in planning and coordinating the Commission's procedures, programs and activities, in writing reports, and assisting in final decision making; and

WHEREAS, In addition, as Supervisor, Margalie Rodriguez, Esq. presides over all hearings, engages in speaking assignments to community organizations, schools, businesses, human rights local groups, civic organizations, and churches; she also assists employers in drafting and formulating employment policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, For many years, Margalie Rodriguez, Esq. has advocated for human rights at various international associations; today, she is a member of numerous national and international organizations, and holds the title of Vice President of Legal Affairs for National Action Network West Nassau Chapter, one of the leading civil rights organizations in the Nation, with chapters throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Margalie Rodriguez, Esq. serves as the Vice President of the Haitian-American Lawyers Association of New York, and is a vital member of several other bar associations; 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 Margalie Rodriguez, 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 Margalie Rodriguez, Esq., the National Action Network, and

the Gateway Christian Center.