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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending The Honorable Florence Monwe upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the National Action Network, West Nassau Chapter, on April 17, 2016

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Judge Florence Monwe has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend The Honorable Florence Monwe upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the National Action Network, West Nassau Chapter, to be celebrated at its 3rd Annual Women's Prestigious Gala Awards Dinner held on Sunday, April 17, 2016, at the Chateau Briand Caterers in Carle Place, New York; and

WHEREAS, The National Action Network's Annual Women's Prestigious Gala Awards Dinner recognizes outstanding individuals who demonstrate excellence in their work, service, and commitment to the Jewish, Nigerian, Caribbean, Spanish, Haitian and American communities; and

WHEREAS, The West Nassau Chapter, under the able leadership of District Chairperson, Pastor Emmanuel Asse, continues the mission of NAN which fulfills a vital role in moving our Nation forward; and

WHEREAS, A proud native of Nigeria, Florence Monwe is the daughter of Chief Benjamin and Felicia Emebo; after attending an all-girls high school, she studied Law at the University of Nigeria where she graduated in June of 1987, and subsequently, passed the Nigerian Bar examination; and

WHEREAS, In June of 1991, Florence Monwe emigrated to the United

States and met her husband, Lawrence; after starting a family, she worked as a caseworker in the Foster Care Department of the New York City Administration for Children Services; and

WHEREAS, With a passion for both the law and helping others, Florence Monwe passed the New York State Bar examination in 1998, and was called to the Bar in 1999; she also began volunteering at the New York State Legal Aid Society to help those who could not afford legal counsel; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, Florence Monwe was appointed by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to the esteemed position of Administrative Law Judge for Child Abuse and Maltreatment cases; and

WHEREAS, In her official acts, Judge Florence Monwe has displayed a keen sense of duty and a unique grasp of human problems; she has received numerous honors and accolades for her exceptional service; and

WHEREAS, Judge Florence Monwe has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; a passionate community activist, she was appointed First Deputy Chairwoman of the West Nassau Chapter and is the Chief Executive and Chairperson of its Chapter Executive Board Committee; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Lawrence, and their three children, Raluchukwu, Jachike and Chukwuemeka, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, During the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Judge Florence Monwe has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

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

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our atten-

tion, 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 commend The Honorable Florence Monwe upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the National Action Network, West Nassau Chapter; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Florence Monwe.