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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Iphy Laraba 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, Iphy Laraba 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 Iphy Laraba 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, Born in Lafia, Nigeria, on September 5, 1964, Iphy Laraba Egbueje Oruada is the fourth child of Raphael and Agnes Ufondu; as a young woman in Nigeria, she attended the prestigious St. Luke's Catholic Primary and the famous St. Louis Catholic Secondary School; and

WHEREAS, Inspired by her grandfather to become an educator, Iphy Laraba entered Teachers College Nsugbe where she completed her training as a teacher; she later graduated from the National Certificate Education

College in Katsina and Lagos State University, earning her Bachelor's degree in Education; and

WHEREAS, Iphy Laraba ably served as a classroom teacher for the Anambra State Board of Education from 1984 to 1985, and taught at Government Day School Tudun Wada Kaduna from 1988 to 1989; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Iphy Laraba has sponsored programs for youth and female empowerment, and started a religious ministry to help the less fortunate; she also overcame many challenges to found the New World Academy, one of the fastest growing schools in Nigeria; and

WHEREAS, Established in 2009, the New World Academy has grown from a population of 100 to its present enrollment of 489 students; her program for children starts in nursery school, and educates students through primary and middle school, as well as senior secondary classes at its well-maintained campus; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Iphy Laraba is working with experts and consultants to upgrade New World Academy to international recognition; she also leads a ministry which annually goes to rural areas in Anambra State to assist women to become more economically self-reliant; and

WHEREAS, During the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Iphy Laraba 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 Iphy Laraba 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 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 commend Iphy Laraba 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 Iphy Laraba.