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Senate Resolution No. 4241

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING Dr. Nichol Burris upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the National Action Network, West Nassau Chapter on March 17, 2018

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Dr. Nichol Burris upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the National Action Network, West Nassau Chapter to be celebrated at its 5th Annual Prestigious Women's Gala Awards on Saturday, March 17, 2018, at Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, New York; and

WHEREAS, This year's theme is "Destined for Greatness"; Dr. Nichol Burris truly exemplifies this theme for her demonstrated exemplary work, services, and commitment to the people of her community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nichol Burris is a Pastoral Counselor with Hartford HealthCare at Home where she has worked for the past seven and one half years; in this role, she is able to provide support and comfort to

patients and families during one of the most vulnerable times of their lives; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nichol Burris has the unique gifted ability to meet patients/families where they are and affirm their spiritual beliefs; she has helped many families work through their fears including, but not limited to: death/dying, not feeling worthy of God's love, leaving behind loved ones, unfinished business, forgiveness of self and others, reconciliation, and bereavement; and

WHEREAS, Ordained in June of 2003 through the International Ministerial Fellowship of Jameson Evangelistic Ministries, Pennsylvania, Dr. Nichol Burris earned her Doctorate of Theology from International Christian University in Virginia in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nichol Burris was installed as a Pastor through New Hope Christian Ministries in Connecticut under the leadership of Pastor Donald Johnson, Sr. in 2013; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, Dr. Nichol Burris founded Father, Son, and Holy Spirit Int'l Ministries which has been deemed a ministry without walls; she is also the founder of Morning Glory Prayer in 2008 which promotes laughter, love, healing, and deliverance; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nichol Burris believes in healing, redemption, and reconciliation through the power of One's faith; to empower all to forgive, to love, and to strengthen one another through that same faith; she believes it is through Spiritual Connectedness that one is able to achieve joy, and happiness, especially during difficult life events to include death/dying; people across the United States, England, and the Caribbean have been blessed by her ministry; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Harold R. Burris, II, and their four children, Joshua, Joziah Mattie, and Grace, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Dr. Nichol Burris has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Dr. Nichol Burris upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the National Action Network, West Nassau Chapter on March 17, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Nichol Burris.