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Assembly Resolution No. 115

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HONORING Reverend Nirva Celestin upon the occasion  
of her designation as recipient of a Lincoln-King  
Visionary Award

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, Reverend Nirva Celestin 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 honor Reverend  
Nirva Celestin upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a  
Lincoln-King Visionary Award for her commitment and service to her  
community; she is to be honored at the Lincoln-King Visionary Awards  
Gala on Saturday, March 4, 2023, in Mineola, New York; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Nirva Celestin has been called upon to contribute  
her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has  
always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed honoree immigrated to New York from Haiti,  
and holds a bachelor's degree in Nursing; and

WHEREAS, Alongside her husband, Dr. Bishop Sem Celestin, Reverend Nirva Celestin founded La Premiere Eglise Apocalypse (First Revelation Church) in Queens, New York, and they work to encourage their community to build up their faith, providing radio and television ministry weekly; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Nirva Celestin is an international speaker, having travelled to over five continents including Europe, Asia, Africa, North America, and South America; her and her husband created an international outreach ministry called Christ Est la Repose; and

WHEREAS, With her knowledge of teaching, mentoring, and nurturing, Reverend Nirva Celestin has been impacting her community for over 35 years; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Nirva Celestin actively volunteers for numerous community and non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Reverend Nirva Celestin has stood constant in dignity, good grace, and humor; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Dr. Bishop Sem Celestin, her three married children, their spouses, two daughters-in-law, and three grandchildren, 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 Reverend Nirva Celestin has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

honor Reverend Nirva Celestin upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a Lincoln-King Visionary Award for her commitment and service to her community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reverend Nirva Celestin.