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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Pastors Roger and Teresa McPhail for special recognition as they commemorate the 20th Anniversary of Gateway City Church on March 28, 2010

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals of firm belief and commitment who have devoted their purposeful lives to the service of faith and community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Pastors Roger and Teresa McPhail for special recognition as they commemorate the 20th Anniversary of Gateway City Church at a celebration service to be held on Sunday, March 28, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Roger McPhail, and his wife, Reverend Teresa McPhail, founded Gateway City Church, formerly New Hope Fellowship Church, in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Today, Gateway City Church is a multi-cultural, multi-generational congregation with a city-reaching vision; through the years it has grown from a prayer meeting in a rented facility to a thriving congregation with an elementary school, having purchased several properties to accommodate a continually expanding ministry; and

WHEREAS, As Pastors of Gateway City Church, Reverends Roger and Teresa McPhail have been called upon to contribute their time and talents to countless endeavors on behalf of their congregation and have always given of themselves unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Roger McPhail is a member of the International Coalition of Apostles and is the Chancellor of the regional Wagner Leadership Institute; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Reverend Roger McPhail founded Mission New York, which is a network of over 225 pastors that meet monthly for prayer and

impartation of vision; strategies are discussed and city-reaching efforts are implemented; and

WHEREAS, One such city-reaching event was Pray New York, where Reverend Roger McPhail and the Mission New York pastors and their congregations, "prayer walked" all 9,400 blocks of Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, The success of these city wide endeavors have been covered by periodicals such as Billy Grahams' DECISION Magazine, the Assemblies of God, EVANGEL, Toronto Airport Fellowship, SPREAD THE FIRE, Robert Stearns' KAIROS; they have also been featured in transformation videos produced by the Assemblies of God and Ed Silvoso's HARVEST EVANGELISM;

CBS Evening News also covered one of Gateway City's Outreaches; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Teresa McPhail, co-founder and co-Pastor of Gateway City Church, trains and oversees several Healing and Deliverance teams; she is also currently working to create a network on intercessors from the Mission New York base of pastors; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Reverend Teresa McPhail is a gifted teacher whose background in education, coupled with her love for children, has inspired her efforts for a higher standard in Christian education; together, with her husband, she has founded four Christian schools during the past 25 years; and

WHEREAS, She is currently writing a book entitled THE FIVE ANOINTINGS OF CHILDREN IN INTERCESSION, which will detail the effective fervency of the prayers of children and how to establish a children's prayer ministry; and

WHEREAS, Gateway City Church is committed to a broad-based ministry that responds to the needs of its members and the community; in response to this commitment, Community Ministry Groups have been established under Reverend Teresa McPhail's leadership; and

WHEREAS, These are small group meetings held in various homes; semi-annual themes are established and each group's leader trains with Pastor Teresa about how to present these themes in accordance with the mission

statement of the Community Ministry Groups; and

WHEREAS, For the past 20 years, Pastors Roger and Teresa McPhail have worked tirelessly to oversee and nurture the growing family that is Gateway City Church; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when persons of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, it is appropriate to publicly and jubilantly proclaim and commend those individuals for the edification of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Pastors Roger and Teresa McPhail for special recognition as they commemorate the 20th Anniversary of Gateway City Church on March 28, 2010; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reverends Roger and Teresa McPhail, Pastors of Gateway City Church.