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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Deacon Myrtle Elaine Mitchell upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Women's Ministry of Grace Baptist Church at its Women's Convocation Weekend, May 14-16, 2010

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize those individuals of preeminent character whose lives exemplify the highest ideals of humanity and whose lifework and civic endeavor serve to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Deacon Myrtle Elaine Mitchell upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Women's Ministry of Grace Baptist Church at its Women's Convocation Weekend, May 14-16, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1888, Women's Ministry of Grace, beginning the year of its 100th Anniversary, 1988, annually selects five women to be placed onto the "Wall of Distinction" which is currently housed in the Chapel of Grace; and

WHEREAS, A woman of singular distinction, Deacon Mitchell has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence, and diligent leadership in her unwavering service to her community and faith and consequently has been chosen for this most prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, Born in Jamaica, West Indies, to Winston and Enid Spencer, Myrtle Elaine Mitchell has lived in the United States for over 42 years, along with Lester, her husband; they have two children and one granddaughter; and

WHEREAS, Deacon Mitchell first came to Grace upon the invitation of a friend to attend a Choir Concert in 1991; she enjoyed the music so much that she began attending the 8:00 a.m. services and finally joined Grace in 2001; as a believer and disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ, she continues her Christian walk under the leadership of her Pastor, Rev. W. Franklyn Richardson, and serves in the following ministries: Deacons Ministry; Women's Ministry; Christian Education Ministry; and the Visi-

tation Ministry; and

WHEREAS, Deacon Mitchell seeks to serve God in her service to others in the community as well, and in 2009, was awarded the Humanitarian Award from the Bible Way Church of New Rochelle; she currently serves as the President of the International Fellowship of Christian Women under the leadership of Reverend Dr. Faudel Blair-Martin of Bronx Westchester Community Church; and

WHEREAS, Professionally, Deacon Mitchell serves others as an Administrative Nurse Manager at Montefiore Hospital Medical Center in the Bronx; she is a Certified Legal Nurse Consultant, and a Mentor-Preceptor for students entering the Health Care Field; she describes herself as "a collaborative Leader who endeavors to improve the life and healthcare of women and children"; and

WHEREAS, Despite her busy professional life, Deacon Mitchell has also been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, intellect and commitment as that demonstrated by Deacon Myrtle Elaine Mitchell over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; 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 Deacon Myrtle Elaine Mitchell upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Women's Ministry of Grace Baptist Church at its Women's Convocation Weekend, May 14-16, 2010; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Deacon Myrtle Elaine Mitchell.