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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Joseph and Joyce Mattera upon the occasion of their 30th Anniversary in the Ministry, to be celebrated on Saturday, January 29, 2011

WHEREAS, The character and richness of religious and community life in this noble Empire State is nourished and fulfilled through the faithful concern and selfless devotion of those who would commit their energies and purpose to the ministry of others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to bring full recognition and just tribute to those individuals who distinguish themselves and the ministry through their unremitting commitment and preeminence of service; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Joseph and Joyce Mattera upon the occasion of their 30th Anniversary in the Ministry, to be celebrated on Saturday, January 29, 2011, in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Joyce Mattera is the Founder and Executive Director of Children of the City (COC), a community-based organization formed to address the academic and social needs of children in southwest Brooklyn; in 1981, while hosting a one-day children's event in Sunset Park, Brooklyn, she became appalled at the conditions of the children in attendance, many of whom were poorly clothed, hungry for food and care, and some clearly the victims of abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Joyce Mattera galvanized every resource available in order to respond to the needs of these children; with the help of many community volunteers, she visited the homes of hundreds of children, assessing their needs and referring them to various services, as well as facilitating their attendance at a weekly prevention program which she initiated; the organization grew steadily and for over 20 years has been working with over 1000 children annually, making 800 home visits each month and providing the children with much-needed services; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Joseph Mattera has been in full-time ministry since 1980 and is currently the Presiding Bishop of Christ Covenant Coalition and Overseeing Bishop of Resurrection Church in New York, a multiethnic

congregation of 40 nationalities that has successfully developed numerous leaders and holistic ministry in the New York region and beyond; and WHEREAS, Possessing a Doctor of Ministry degree in Biblical Worldview from Bakke Graduate University, Bishop Joseph Mattera's passion is to see the Lordship of Christ revealed in every realm of society so the Church can fulfill the Cultural Mandate of Genesis 1:28; this has resulted in extensive ministry nationally and internationally, reaching out to many nations of the world, including the former Soviet Union, Bulgaria, Turkey, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Holland, the Ukraine, Canada, Mexico, Cuba, Russia, and Argentina, as well as many of the states in America; and

WHEREAS, In November of 1999, Bishop Joseph Mattera founded City Covenant Coalition (presently known as Christ Covenant Coalition), a network of bishops, clergy, and marketplace leaders; this organization has come together to build the Body of Christ and work for citywide, national and global transformation; it has since become one of the largest and most influential clergy groups in the greater New York region; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his years of faithful service and significant influence, numerous local and national bishops and apostolic leaders consecrated Joseph Mattera to the Office of Bishop on April 29, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Joseph and Pastor Joyce Mattera have brought to their ministry an overwhelming spirit of charity and compassion, acting from vision and enlightenment in conducting their administrative and spiritual duties, while always displaying the highest standards of personal and professional integrity and dedication; and

WHEREAS, With them throughout have been their five children, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of their lives and rejoice in their achievements; and

WHEREAS, These distinguished people of God have always given enlightenment, guidance and wisdom to the many entrusted to their care and have administered abundantly and unstintingly to the spiritual and corporal needs of all; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals 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  
commend Joseph and Joyce Mattera upon the occasion of their 30th Anni-  
versary in the Ministry, to be celebrated on Saturday, January 29, 2011,  
noting their unrelenting and compassionate faith and their exemplary  
service to God, man, and their community, and extending to them the  
heartfelt best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purpose-  
ful success and well-being; and be it further  
RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-  
smitted to Joseph and Joyce Mattera.