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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Reverend Terry Lee upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body, is justly proud to honor Reverend Terry Lee upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Terry Lee was born and raised in Cowley, Jamaica; he moved to New York in 1989, and for almost two decades, his "Church on Wheels" has been traveling all throughout New York City teaching and spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ to many; and

WHEREAS, The Church on Wheels is a household "moving landmark" throughout Brooklyn which helps create spiritual awareness and comfort rescues through many programs, including the I.R.T.C. program; and

WHEREAS, In 1994 Reverend Lee opened Byways and Hedges Youth For Christ Ministry, Inc.; since its beginning, the church's teaching and practice of love and compassion has culminated into a large congregation throughout Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, An active resident of the Brooklyn community, Reverend Lee provides spiritual guidance to many families and individuals; he is also a member of the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and currently serves as a member of Community Board 17, Borough of Brooklyn Ecumenical Advisory Group, and Churches United to save and heal; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Lee's strong beliefs and vision that communities are as one village where everyone works together toward empowerment has led

him to network with many political and civic leaders in New York including the New York Police Department; he serves as a mediator between the community members and the Police Department, particularly the 67th, 70th, and 71st precincts as part of the NYPD Clergy Liaison Unit and a member of the NYPD Civilian Observation Patrol (COP); and

WHEREAS, Reverend Terry Lee is also the President of the BY-WAYS REAL LIFE TIMES, a community newspaper established to empower and educate the community members on immigration and other issues; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Terry Lee's integrity and passion for others and his faith in God create a dynamic and effective teaching environment in his church and on the streets; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Lee has brought to his ministry an overwhelming spirit of charity and compassion, acting from vision and enlightenment in conducting his administrative and spiritual duties, while always displaying the highest standards of personal and professional integrity and dedication; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body commends Reverend Terry Lee, noting his unrelenting and compassionate faith and his exemplary service to God, man, and his community, and extending to him heartfelt best wishes and for a future of purposeful success and well-being; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Reverend Terry Lee upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reverend Terry Lee.