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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Mother Linda Cockfield upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Church of the Living God, Worldwide

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, Linda Cockfield 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 commend Mother Linda Cockfield upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Church of the Living God, Worldwide, to be celebrated at a special luncheon on Saturday, May 12, 2012, at Villa Marcello in Ozone Park, New York; and

WHEREAS, Linda Cockfield was born at Suddle Hospital on the Essequibo Coast in Guyana, South America to Albert and Laura Trim; she is the third female child of 15 children; and

WHEREAS, When Linda Cockfield was five years old, she was brought to Demerara, South America, where she spent the remainder of her childhood; and

WHEREAS, Raised with a solid Christian foundation, Linda Cockfield's Christian education began from then on in Eccles Full Gospel Mission, which later became Eccles Assembly of God on the East Bank of Demerara; and

WHEREAS, As a child, church was an intricate part of Linda Cockfield's life; she was involved in every area of ministry and present for almost every church service; and

WHEREAS, At an early age, Linda Cockfield showed a passion for chil-

dren, spending most of her youth teaching Sunday School; and

WHEREAS, It was while teaching Sunday School that Linda Cockfield met her future husband, Simon Cockfield; the two of them grew up together teaching Sunday School; they both knew from their youth that the Lord meant for them to be together; and

WHEREAS, Linda Cockfield was educated at Peters Hall School, also known as St. Theresa's Anglican school; and

WHEREAS, After completion of her primary education, Linda Cockfield went on to attend Carnegie School of Home Economics; and

WHEREAS, Linda Cockfield worked with the Guyanese government as a Dispensary Assistant at the Government Pharmacy in Georgetown where she handled in and outpatient dispensary from 1969-1978, when Linda and her family moved to the United States; and

WHEREAS, Linda Cockfield 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, In America, Linda Cockfield continued to serve the Lord and pursue her passion to work with children in God's Battalion of Prayer Church, headed by her Brother-in-Law, Bishop Alfred Cockfield; and

WHEREAS, Years later, Linda Cockfield and her husband converted their garage into a Bible School for children all over the Rockaways; the class was taught every Thursday afternoon; and

WHEREAS, This endeavor helped plant the seed for the Battalion Pentecostal Assembly Church, Inc., which held its first Sunday service in 1986, and has continued to grow every year since; and

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

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Linda Cockfield has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Mother Linda Cockfield upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Church of the Living God, Worldwide; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mother Linda Cockfield.