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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring First Lady Marcia Gray upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church on June 16, 2012

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, First Lady Marcia Gray 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 honor First Lady Marcia Gray upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, to be celebrated at its First Ladies Appreciation Banquet on Saturday, June 16, 2012, at the Imperial Room in Inwood, New York; and

WHEREAS, First Lady Marcia Gray 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, First Lady Marcia Gray was born on the Island of Jamaica; after graduating from high school in Jamaica, she immigrated to the United States; and

WHEREAS, First Lady Marcia Gray began her lifelong dream of becoming a Registered Nurse as soon as she arrived in America, by enrolling in the nursing program at New York City Community College; and

WHEREAS, First Lady Marcia Gray continued her education at St. John's College and earned a bachelor's degree in the Science of Nursing and then a master's degree in Nursing Education from Molloy College; and

WHEREAS, First Lady Marcia Gray is currently the Nurse Manager of the Oncology Infusion Center at New York Presbyterian Cornell Medical Center in Manhattan, where she has worked for many years; and

WHEREAS, The wife of Overseer Evan Dean Gray Sr. of the Macedonia Baptist Church, First Lady Marcia Gray wears many hats and has a lot of responsibilities but her priorities are family and church; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a

period of constructive involvement, First Lady Marcia Gray has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband and their children, Andrew, Alana, Evan Jr. and Erin, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which First Lady Marcia Gray has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor First Lady Marcia Gray upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church on June 16, 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to First Lady Marcia Gray.