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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Mother Christine Odessa Webb 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, Mother Christine Odessa Webb 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 Mother Christine Odessa Webb 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, Mother Christine Odessa Webb 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, Christine Odessa Webb was born on May 1, 1917, in Putman County, Georgia; she received her elementary and middle school education in a one room school house, as did many of Putman County residents; and

WHEREAS, In 1938, Christine Odessa Webb moved to New York City, where she was afforded the opportunity many of her peers were not, a higher education; and

WHEREAS, Christine Odessa Webb came to meet Mr. Julius Webb who she fell in love with and married; from this loving union of 58 years, three children were born, Richard, Marilyn, Judy; they later became the grandparents of six grandchildren, who Christine helped to raise; and

WHEREAS, Christine Odessa Webb has served in God's house for 50 years under the leadership of Reverend Miller; throughout her many years of service she has earned the title and honor to be called Mother Webb; and

WHEREAS, Mother Christine Odessa Webb is truly on a mission for God and always has been; she has taught Sunday school lessons for many of students, and has had the joy of seeing them called to shepherd God's

children as she was called to do many years before; and
WHEREAS, Five of Mother Webb's students are Reverends amongst Pastors and Evangelists; her current Pastor, Reverend Larry L. Shell Sr. of the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, was also one of her students; and
WHEREAS, Other Reverends such as Evangelist Mary Nebitt from New Jerusalem Baptist Church, Evangelist Irving from Jerusalem True Baptist Church, Reverend Gray, and Reverend Sheila Smart from Macedonia Baptist Church, which is where Mother Christine Odessa Webb was a member of its Missionary board, were all students in Mother Webb's Sunday school classes; and

WHEREAS, Visiting the sick and the shut in was one way in which Mother Christine Odessa Webb served her community; she has selflessly cleaned homes, cooked dinner for the sick and shut in; and

WHEREAS, Mother Christine Odessa Webb has also volunteered at Peninsula Hospital, with the youth choirs, to sing for the patients for more than 16 years; and

WHEREAS, Mother Christine Odessa Webb currently sings on the senior choir at the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church; she is an honorary member of the missionary ministry because of her steadfast dedication to the service of God; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Mother Christine Odessa Webb 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 Mother Christine Odessa Webb has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Mother Christine Odessa Webb 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 Mother Christine Odessa Webb.