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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Reverend Pauline Wardell-Sankoh upon the occasion of her retirement after 15 years of dedicated service to the John Wesley United Methodist Church

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 Reverend Pauline Wardell-Sankoh upon the occasion of her retirement after 15 years of dedicated service to the John Wesley United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, A native of Lewiston, North Carolina, Reverend Pauline Wardell-Sankoh moved to New York City at the age of seven; all her schooling, except seventh and eighth grades, which she did in North Carolina, was received in the New York City public school and undergraduate system; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Pauline Wardell-Sankoh graduated with honors from Drew Theological School; while there, she received the Newton Davies New Testament Award, the Delaplaine McDaniel Fellowship for outstanding academic accomplishment and promise for ministry, and received an award for outstanding pulpit oratory and mannerism; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Pauline Wardell-Sankoh was active in the life of the seminary as student body president for two years and commencement speaker for her graduating class; she was a member of the Drew Alumni Execu-

tive Board and is now a Drew Trustee; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Pauline Wardell-Sankoh has served as the pastor of John Wesley United Methodist Church in Brooklyn, New York for the past 15 years; and

WHEREAS, Prior to that, Reverend Pauline Wardell-Sankoh was the pastor of The Church of the Good Shepherd UMC in West Hempstead and South Floral Park UMC in Long Island, all in the New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, A valued and involved member of her community, Reverend Pauline Wardell-Sankoh is a former president of the Metropolitan District United Methodist Women, and worked on the New York Annual Conference School of Christian Mission Team for many years, serving as Publicity Chair, Assistant Dean, and finally Dean of the School; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Pauline Wardell-Sankoh is currently a member of the Episcopacy Committee and a member of the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Reverend Pauline Wardell-Sankoh is a member of the board of directors for the Bethany Methodist Home of Brooklyn, Chair of the board of the United Interfaith Council of Brooklyn, Inc., and a member of the executive board of the United Methodist City Society where she chairs the Childcare Committee; and

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

WHEREAS, This distinguished woman of God has always given enlightenment, guidance and wisdom to the many entrusted to her care and has

administered abundantly and unstintingly to the spiritual and corporal needs of all; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when a person

of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention it is appropriate to publicly and jubilantly proclaim and commend that individual for the edification of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Reverend Pauline Wardell-Sankoh upon the occasion of her retirement after 15 years of dedicated service to the John Wesley United Methodist Church, noting her unrelenting and compassionate faith and her exemplary service to God, man, and her community, and extending to her the heartfelt best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reverend Pauline Wardell-Sankoh.