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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Evangelist Marie Gerard Gilles upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those individuals within the State of New York who give of their time and energies in support of spiritual endeavors which aim to benefit the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Evangelist Marie Gerard Gilles upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Evangelist Marie Gerard Gilles later moved to New York where she joined Church of God Cortelyou Road in Brooklyn, New York; she was called to the ministry and for the past 13 years worked in different ministerial and leadership capacities; from her early youth, she began her Christian work under the auspices of the Late Pastor Simon Belizaire; and

WHEREAS, In 1986, she relocated to Washington, D.C. to continue her work under the leadership of Pasteur St. Ulme in Silver Spring, Maryland; she is an International Evangelist who in 1990, began studying biblical courses to enhance her desire to win souls, counsel, and evangelize; she obtained her Bachelor of Theology degree from Rhema Bible College; and

WHEREAS, Marie Gilles is a certified counselor, travel agent, and a professional clinical member of the National Christian Counselors Association; and

WHEREAS, Marie Gilles is also the founder and senior Evangelist of International Word Warriors Ministries, an International Fellowship Ministries association that is designed to empower leaders to advance the kingdom of God; as an international Evangelist she has ministered in North and South America, Europe, Africa and the West Indies; 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 honor Evangelist Marie Gerard Gilles upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Evangelist Marie Gerard Gilles.