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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Honorable Florence Monwe upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the prestigious Mother's Day Award by the National Action Network and Gateway Christian Center

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice 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 long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Honorable Florence Monwe upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the prestigious Mother's Day Award by the National Action Network and Gateway Christian Center, to be celebrated at its Government Gala Awards Ceremony, on Sunday, May 10, 2015, at Jericho Terrace, Mineola, New York; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious award is given to women who have demonstrated exemplary works, services, and commitment to the people of their community; Honorable Florence Monwe truly deserves this honor for her contributions to society; and

WHEREAS, Florence Monwe was one of seven children born to Chief Benjamin and Mrs. Felicia Emebo, both of whom are still living; it was important to her parents that their children earned college degrees, which would allow them to be successful in life; and

WHEREAS, Florence Monwe attended an all-girls high school in Oba,

Nigeria; upon graduation, she studied law at the University of Nigeria, graduating in June of 1987; one year later, she passed the Nigerian Bar examination, and became a member of the Nigerian Bar Association in February of 1989; and

WHEREAS, Florence Monwe also attended the institute of Management and Technology in Enugu-Nigeria, where she obtained a Higher National Diploma in Business Administration and Management; and

WHEREAS, In June of 1991, Florence Monwe migrated to the United States and met her future husband, Lawrence Monwe; she was employed as a Case-worker with New York City, working with the Foster Care Department of New York City Administration for Children Services (ACS); and

WHEREAS, Florence Monwe took the New York State Bar Examination, and was called to the New York Bar Association in 1999; she volunteered her services working Pro Bono for the New York State Legal Aid Society in Queens, New York, from 1999-2000; and

WHEREAS, On July 27, 2000, Florence Monwe held the esteemed position of Administrative Law Judge for Child Abuse at the New York State Office of Children and Family Services; a title she still holds today; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Lawrence (Larry) Monwe, and her three sons, Raluchukwu, Jachike, and Chukwuemeka, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; 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 Honorable Florence Monwe upon the occasion of her designation as

recipient of the prestigious Mother's Day Award by the National Action Network and Gateway Christian Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Honorable Florence Monwe, the National Action Network, and the Gateway Christian Center.