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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Honorable Chief Nkechi Cecilia Iroku 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 Chief Nkechi Cecilia Iroku 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; Chief Nkechi Cecilia Iroku truly deserves this honor for her contributions to society; and

WHEREAS, In 1983, Chief Nkechi Cecilia Iroku married Chief Dr. Innocent Iroku, MD; a year later, the couple moved to the United States; and

WHEREAS, Chief Nkechi Cecilia Iroku received her Bachelor's degree in Earth Science/Education from the University of Nigeria Nsukka; she then

went on to earn her Master's degree in both Special Education and School Guidance and Counseling from Long Island University; and

WHEREAS, Since 1988, Chief Nkechi Cecilia Iroku has held the position of Certified Teacher of Regular/Special Education; in addition, she has been employed as a School Guidance Counselor since 1995; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, Chief Nkechi Cecilia Iroku founded Dedicate Services for Children; through her role as President/CEO, she provides Early Intervention-Special Instruction/ABA Therapy; and

WHEREAS, Chief Nkechi Cecilia Iroku is a dedicated and organized teacher, mentor, instructor, and counselor; she tailors her work to meet the educational, social, and emotional needs of her students and clients, by supporting, educating, and nurturing them to achieve their goals; and

WHEREAS, Chief Nkechi Cecilia Iroku is especially devoted in supporting the parents of special needs children; she develops and executes training topics for teachers and parents by exposing them to the community resources that are available to them; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, Chief Nkechi Cecilia Iroku has sponsored many students who are in need in America, as well as overseas to achieve their individual educational goals; and

WHEREAS, Active in her community, Chief Nkechi Cecilia Iroku enjoys cooking for and feeding less fortunate pregnant women and children in her town; she also contributes her time and donates to different missionaries and organizations, such as cancer walks, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, and American Veterans; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Chief Nkechi Cecilia Iroku is a member of several associations, including the United Federation of Teachers in both the United States and Nigeria; 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 Honorable Chief Nkechi Cecilia Iroku 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 transmitted to Honorable Chief Nkechi Cecilia Iroku, the National Action Network, and the Gateway Christian Center.