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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Grace Ogiehor-Enoma 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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals within the medical field who distinguish themselves through professional excellence and who have made significant contributions to the quality of life of citizens in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Grace Ogiehor-Enoma 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 communities; Dr. Grace Ogiehor-Enoma truly deserves this honor for her contributions to society; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Grace Ogiehor-Enoma received her Nursing and Midwifery Diploma in Nigeria; she then went on to earn her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Pace University, in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Grace Ogiehor-Enoma furthered her education by obtaining a Master's degree in Public Health from City University of New York (CUNY) at Hunter College, and a Master's degree in Nursing from Hunter-Bellevue School of Nursing, as well as a Doctorate degree in Health Administration (DHA) from the University of Phoenix, Arizona; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Dr. Grace Ogiehor-Enoma holds a certificate in

Health Administration, and in 2009, she completed a fellowship; she was also a 2010-2011 Mentor of the New York University (NYU) Leadership Institute for Black Nurses; and

WHEREAS, An activist, Dr. Grace Ogiehor-Enoma has dedicated her calling and professional knowledge to improving the health of her community; recognizing the critical role of nursing in health promotion and disease prevention, she started a not-for-profit professional association, The Nigerian Nurses Association of USA, New York, in 2002, to help eliminate health disparities in Nigerian and African Immigrant Communities through health education and outreach; and

WHEREAS, This vital healthcare initiative has positively affected a significant number of people in African communities in both New York and Nigeria; due to its success, other Nigerian nurses across the United States and Canada established the National Association of Nigerian Nurses in North America (NANNNA), as well as an international movement entitled Diaspora Nurses Association of Nigeria (DNAN); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Grace Ogiehor-Enoma shares her extensive knowledge by writing a bi-weekly health column for AFRICAN ABROAD NEWSPAPER; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Dr. Grace Ogiehor-Enoma has helped to bridge the gap in racial, ethnic, and economic disparities, by starting a review program to help foreign trained nurses pass the NCLEX exam and become Registered Nurses; she then licensed the program as a school to provide allied health classes for low-income families; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades for her personal and professional achievements and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, As a leader in her profession, Dr. Grace Ogiehor-Enoma has proven herself to be a great asset to medicine and to the health and welfare of the citizens of the State of New York; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Grace Ogiehor-Enoma 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 Dr. Grace Ogiehor-Enoma, the National Action Network, and the Gateway Christian Center.