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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Minister Anna Nell Wyatt 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Minister Anna Nell Wyatt 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; Minister Anna Nell Wyatt truly deserves this honor for her contributions to her New York neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, The youngest girl of 21 children, Anna Nell Rumph was born to Caesar Rumph III and Beatrice Robinson-Rumph, on November 11, 1925; and

WHEREAS, A music lover, Anna Nell Wyatt was a faithful member of the McBranch Baptist Church in Branchville, South Carolina; as a student at Williams Memorial High School, she participated in the Glee Club at their Sunday School Conferences; and

WHEREAS, After the early death of her mother, Anna Nell Wyatt relocated to New York City, and married the Reverend John Willie Wyatt; the couple, along with her brother, were lead singers in the performance

touring group, The Southern Gospel Singers; in addition, she sang in a trio called The Ross Nightingales; and

WHEREAS, A believer in education, Anna Nell Wyatt earned an associate in applied science degree from New York City Community College of The City University of New York, Brooklyn; she then went on to receive her bachelor's degree from The College of New Rochelle, New Rochelle, New York; and

WHEREAS, Anna Nell Wyatt furthered her education by obtaining her Master's degree in Social Work from Adelphi University, Garden City, New York; in addition she earned Graduate Degree Continuing Education Credits from both Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York City, and New York University School of Social Work, New York City; and

WHEREAS, Anna Nell Wyatt also took Music Education classes at City College of The City University of New York, and graduated from The Apex Beauty School; and

WHEREAS, For 50 years, Anna Nell Wyatt held the positions of social worker, psychologist, guidance counselor, and teacher throughout her employment with the New York City Board of Education; she served as staff musician for many Manhattan Public Schools, including P.S. 200, P.S. 107, P.S. 131, P.S. 194, P.S. 156, P.S. 123, and T.S. 195; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated educator, Anna Nell Wyatt believes that music is key to child development; whether a child can learn to sing, play an instrument, appreciate listening to music, or feel the beat, music helps a child acclimate to his or her environment; and

WHEREAS, Active in her community, Anna Nell Wyatt was instrumental in building affordable housing on West 147th Street, in Harlem, for those who did not qualify for New York City programs; in addition, she helped

found Churchill House, a 14 story housing development also in Harlem; and

WHEREAS, Anna Nell Wyatt served as the Secretary of the Board of Churchill House for 36 years; today, she is still an active member; and

WHEREAS, Anna Nell Wyatt and her late husband, Reverend John Willie Wyatt had one beloved daughter, Theresa; however, they served as dedicated foster parents for 15 children; and

WHEREAS, A proud parent, Anna Nell Wyatt held a seat on the Board of the Parents' Council of the prestigious Sarah Lawrence College, the school from which Theresa graduated; and

WHEREAS, Anna Nell Wyatt was the recipient of numerous awards and accolades, including recognition as a 79 Years of Service Music Legend by The National Baptist Convention of the USA, Inc., at its 2010 Annual Session; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, Anna Nell Wyatt was named a Church Mother and was honored for the grace in which she lived for 40 years as a widow; 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 Minister Anna Nell Wyatt 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 Minister Anna Nell Wyatt, the National Action Network, and the Gateway Christian Center.