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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Mothers In Charge, Inc. for the outstanding work they do in an effort to prevent violence

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Mothers In Charge, Inc. for the outstanding work they do in an effort to prevent violence; and

WHEREAS, On June 6, 2015, they will host a National Rally in Washington, DC "Standing For Peace and Justice" and Mothers In Charge will stand together to reduce violence and heal the communities; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Johnson-Speight, MHS, LPC is the Founder and Executive Director of Mothers In Charge, Inc. (MIC); she is a highly regarded leader, advocate, speaker, guest radio/television commentator and a clarion voice against the war to end senseless acts of violent crime; her work, though rooted in Philadelphia, has led to national appearances and presentations across the United States and abroad; and

WHEREAS, A licensed family therapist, Dorothy Johnson-Speight is a proponent for the rights of children and families; she has a distinguished career in victim advocacy; following the tragic murder of her son Khaaliq Jabbar Johnson in 2001 over a parking space dispute, she, along with other grieving mothers, founded MIC; and

WHEREAS, MIC, a grassroots organization whose mission is violence prevention through education, engages in proactive intervention with children, young adults, families and community organizations; its

mission is realized through collaborative partnerships with the school districts, youth and faith-based and community organizations, and government agencies, while providing grief support to families affected by violence; and

WHEREAS, MIC advocates for families affected by violence and provides counseling and grief support services for families when a loved one has been murdered and is comprised of impassioned mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and sisters who are committed to working towards saving lives; and

WHEREAS, MIC chapter affiliates are established in San Francisco, California, Los Angeles, California, Kansas City, Missouri, Atlantic City, New Jersey, and Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, In May 2014, Mothers In Charge (MIC) hosted its second national conference, The Cost Of Violence: The Journey From Pain to Peace in Philadelphia; the conference offered an exciting line-up of impassioned speakers, impactful and thought provoking panel discussions, in addition to important skill-sharing workshops; the results driven environment featured workshops on legislative organizing, restorative justice, fund development and ways one begins the journey of healing and the support needed; and

WHEREAS, MIC has most recently established Women Working For A Change (WW4C), an onsite job training program for women who were formerly incarcerated; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Mothers In Charge, Inc. for the outstanding work they do in an effort to prevent violence; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dorothy Johnson-Speight, MHS, LPC, Founder/Executive Director, Mothers In Charge, Inc.