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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Reverend Terry Troia for 30 years of distinguished service to the Staten Island community on May 12, 2015

WHEREAS, Religious leaders, and the many spiritual, social and educational benefits they confer, play a vital role in the development of the moral fabric of a responsible citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of this State and this Nation to pay tribute to those individuals who have contributed to the ethical and spiritual values of their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Reverend Terry Troia for 30 years of distinguished service to the Staten Island community, to be celebrated at a Spring Gala held in her honor, on Tuesday, May 12, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Terry Troia received her doctorate from the Union Theological Seminary in Manhattan; in 1984, she became a volunteer at Project Hospitality, an interfaith organization which serves the hungry and homeless community of Staten Island; and

WHEREAS, One year later, she became the Executive Director of Project Hospitality, a position she continues to hold today; and

WHEREAS, A Minister of the Reformed Church, Terry Troia is also the pastor of the New Utrecht Reformed Church in Bensonhurst, Brooklyn; she is a member of several city and statewide boards including the New York City Commission on Economic Opportunity; the New York City Commission on AIDS; the New York City Temporary Commission on Day Laborer Job Sites; the New York City Committee to End Homelessness; the New York City Commission for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) Runaway and Homeless Youth; and the New York City Inter-Agency Task Force on Youth Violence, as well as El Centro del Inmigrante; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Terry Troia holds numerous leadership positions in

several organizations including the Port Richmond Improvement Association, New Brighton Coalition of Concerned Citizens, the Port Richmond Anti-Violence Task Force, and the Staten Island Immigrant Council; and WHEREAS, This remarkable woman holds the title of co-Chair of the New York State Department of Health, Statewide AIDS Service Delivery Consortium, the Chair of the Staten Island Family Health Care Coalition, and the Staten Island Clergy Leadership; and

WHEREAS, Since Hurricane Sandy hit the shores of Staten Island in October of 2012, Reverend Terry Troia has been at the forefront of relief efforts; immediately after the storm, she ensured that the victims had the essentials, such as clothing for warmth, food to eat and shelter; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Terry Troia turned Project Hospitality's mobile food truck into a commissary and distributed cleaning and household supplies, blankets, pampers, toilet paper, food and water to people in the disaster area; a week later, she was asked to manage the evacuation sites at Bayley Seton Hospital and Mt. Manresa; and

WHEREAS, Today, Reverend Terry Troia holds the esteemed title of President of The Staten Island Community and Interfaith Long Term Recovery Organization; she also serves as an Adjunct Lecturer at the New York City College of Technology and is an ESL teacher; and

WHEREAS, When Reverend Terry Troia is not working, she volunteers her time and energies at the Eye Openers Youth Against Violence Organization, playing basketball with the local youth in the New Brighton section of Staten Island, and enjoys teaching scripture; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Reverend Terry Troia has displayed throughout her life; 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 Reverend Terry Troia for 30 years of distinguished service to the Staten Island community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reverend Terry Troia.