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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Dr. W. Ruth Whitney upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition after 30 years of dedicated service to the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York, on June 7, 2015

WHEREAS, The character and richness of religious and community life in this noble Empire State is nourished and fulfilled through the faithful concern and selfless devotion of those who would commit their energies and purpose to the ministry of others; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to bring full recognition and just tribute to those individuals who distinguish themselves and the ministry through their unremitting commitment and preeminence of service; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Dr. W. Ruth Whitney upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition after 30 years of dedicated service to the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York, celebrated on June 7, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Dr. W. Ruth Whitney has brought to her ministry an overwhelming spirit of charity and compassion, acting from vision and enlightenment in conducting her administrative and spiritual duties, while always displaying the highest standards of personal and professional integrity and dedication; and

WHEREAS, One of the most distinguished women in the New York Metropolitan area as well as in the United States, Dr. W. Ruth Whitney is the wife and Leading Lady of the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York, led by the Reverend Dr. Curtis L. Whitney; and

WHEREAS, Dr. W. Ruth Whitney earned her bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at Old Westbury and received her Master's degree in Social Work from Adelphi University, Garden City, New York;

and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman has often been called upon to establish programs of Christian Education and Christian Leadership throughout the Nation, and has used her broad knowledge and understanding to cultivate and nurture Ministers' Wives groups and the local churches into notable examples of service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. W. Ruth Whitney is a co-Instructor for Marriage and Family for Couples, a class at the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education; and

WHEREAS, An advocate for positive change and development throughout the city of New York, Dr. W. Ruth Whitney has held numerous leadership positions within the church community, including Dean, Empire Baptist State Convention Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows; President, Eastern Baptist Association of Ministers' Wives and Widows, Fellowship of New York; President, Baptist Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows of Greater New York and Vicinity; Assistant Secretary, Empire State Convention Ministers' Wives Ministers' Widows; and Founder, New Members Ministry, Mt. Sinai Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Today, Dr. W. Ruth Whitney holds the titles of Assistant Dean, International Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows; and First-Vice President, New York State Interdenominational Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows; as well as Vice President, Empire State Convention Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to the well-being of her community, Dr. W. Ruth Whitney has participated as a member of the Advisory Council of the New York Organ Donor Network; currently, she is a member of Lefferts Gardens Civic Association, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Dr. W. Ruth Whitney has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades for her tremendous civic endeavors and for her faithful work in her church, including Outstanding Personality of the Week, Woman of Distinction Award, History-Maker Award, and Woman of the Year Award;

in addition, she is a member of the Board of Directors of the American Baptist Churches USA, chairing the International Ministries Working Group on African Affairs; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished woman of God has always given enlightenment, guidance and wisdom to the many entrusted to her care and has administered abundantly and unstintingly to the spiritual and corporal needs of all; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when a person of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention it is appropriate to publicly and jubilantly proclaim and commend that individual for the edification of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Dr. W. Ruth Whitney upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition after 30 years of dedicated service to the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York, noting her unremitting and compassionate faith and her exemplary service to God, man, and her community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. W. Ruth Whitney.