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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Dr. Edmund Oparanozie upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the National Action Network, West Nassau Chapter, on April 17, 2016

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Edmund Oparanozie has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Edmund Oparanozie upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the National Action Network, West Nassau Chapter to be celebrated at its 3rd Annual Women's Prestigious Gala Awards Dinner held on Sunday, April 17, 2016, at Chateau Briand Caterers in Carle Place, New York; and

WHEREAS, The National Action Network's Annual Women's Prestigious Gala Awards Dinner recognizes outstanding individuals who demonstrate excellence in their work, service and commitment to the Jewish, Nigerian, Caribbean, Spanish, Haitian and American communities; and

WHEREAS, The West Nassau Chapter, under the able leadership of District Chairperson, Pastor Emmanuel Asse, continues the mission of NAN which fulfills a vital role in moving our Nation forward; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Edmund Oparanozie was born into the loving Christian family of Godfery and Alice Oparanozie in Nnekede Owerri West Local Government, Imo State, Nigeria; and

WHEREAS, Following the example of his parents' work ethic and their encouragement to continue his education, in 1980, Dr. Edmund Oparanozie immigrated to the United States to increase his knowledge and further his education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Edmund Oparanozie earned a Bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences from The City University of New York, formerly Medgar Evers College, a Master's degree in Psychology from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania as well as a Doctorate degree from Argosy School of Psychology and Behavioral Sciences; and

WHEREAS, For nearly 20 years in the counseling profession, Dr. Edmund Oparanozie has been able to fulfill his passion and live his dream of helping others; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Edmund Oparanozie has worked with children and youth as a Behavioral Specialist serving as a liaison between schools, agencies and juvenile detention facilities; he has participated in surveys to determine how to support the needs of children with autistic tendencies as well as to gather information relating to juvenile gang involvements and how to curb gang activities in communities; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Dr. Edmund Oparanozie is employed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a Psychologist working with geriatric populations with comorbid psychological disorders; he also serves as a Disability Rights Committee member advocating for the rights of disabled patients implementing protocols to ensure their equal rights; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Edmund Oparanozie has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Dr. Edmund Oparanozie has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his loving wife and two brilliant children, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Dr. Edmund Oparanozie has displayed throughout his 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 Dr. Edmund Oparanozie upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the National Action Network, West Nassau Chapter; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Edmund Oparanozie.