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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Crawford L. Hinson upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 10, 2016

WHEREAS, Senior citizens bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the increasingly active roles they play in today's society; their past contributions and future participation are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of community life and activity; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Crawford L. Hinson upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging at its Annual Senior Citizens Day Celebration on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at the Hart Theatre Lounge in The Egg, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each May, the New York State Office for the Aging pauses to acknowledge the outstanding contributions made by older citizens during National Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, Members of older generations have helped build and shape our Nation to be the greatest in the world; they have defended our freedoms and values to ensure that those who come after them may have better lives; nowhere in the Nation is the legacy of their efforts more visible and more a part of the lives of all citizens than here in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man 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, As Pastor of Friendship Baptist Church of Long Island City, New York for the past 19 years, Crawford L. Hinson has truly made a difference by enlightening the diverse communities, building relationships between the church and the secular world; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Crawford L. Hinson works closely with the youth and the elderly, and has joined with four other local churches, benefitting and enhancing the lives of residents within the community; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to his community, Crawford L. Hinson serves as President of the Baptist Ministers Conference of Queens and Vicinity Inc.; he gives of his time and energies to Rikers Island Prison Outreach Ministry, as well as voter registration drives, nursing homes and hospitals, and various outreach ministries; and

WHEREAS, Crawford L. Hinson is a member of Urban Upbound, a non-profit organization working to transform and improve New York City public housing neighborhoods; he has also been involved in the Black Lives Matter Peaceful Protests with members of the NAACP and the Queensbridge Housing Complex; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Crawford L. Hinson also serves as a community chaplain working with the inner city youth in the borough of Queens; and

WHEREAS, Crawford L. Hinson retired from the New York City Department of Sanitation after 21 years of distinguished service; he received his Bachelor's degree of Religious Education in 2009, his Master's degree in 2012, and his Doctorate degree of Divinity in 2014, at The Burroughs Divinity Bible School of Mount Vernon; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Jamaica, Queens, Crawford L. Hinson, was married to the love of his life, First Lady Peggy J. Hinson, for 46 years before her passing; he is the proud father of one daughter and an adopted son (nephew), as well as the doting grandfather to two grandchildren and one great granddaughter; and

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

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Crawford L. Hinson has displayed

throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Crawford L. Hinson, a very active and industrious man, has inspired and enriched the lives of those he serves through his volunteerism, generously sharing the wisdom gained over years of experiencing life to its fullest; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Crawford L. Hinson upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 10, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Crawford L. Hinson.