

Assembly Resolution No. 782

BY: M. of A. Cook

HONORING Dr. Phyllis E. Carter upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a Lincoln-King Visionary Award for her commitment and service to her community

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. Phyllis E. Carter has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Phyllis E. Carter upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a Lincoln-King Visionary Award for her commitment and service to her community, to be celebrated at the Lincoln-King Visionary Awards Gala, "From Dream to Greatness," on Saturday, February 10, 2024, at the Sand Castle in Franklin Square, New York; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious community gala is held annually to unite the international community and to celebrate unity in diversity while recognizing community leaders for their services; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Phyllis E. Carter has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Phyllis E. Carter has achieved many professional and personal accomplishments in her life, and yet the one that gives her the most joy and satisfaction has been her 69-year walk in faith; saved since the age of 12 at Refuge Church on 99th Street in New York City, it has been this close walk that has enabled her to attain as much success as she has to date; and

WHEREAS, Married for 59 years, Dr. Phyllis E. Carter is the wife and lifelong partner to Apostle Ronald H. Carter, Sr. Prelate/Overseer of the Refuge Apostolic Church of Christ in Freeport, New York, where she serves as Pastor; she has been blessed with four lovely daughters: Tracy Lorette, Tanya Lynette, Tina Louise, and Tammy Lenore; and is the loving grandmother of 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, twin boys, Jalil Marquise and Jelani Maurice, Jayla Maria, Joleigh Delphine, Nore Kason and Janii Milan; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Phyllis E. Carter is a graduate of New York Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree; she also holds a Master's degree in Counseling from St. Johns' University, as well as a Master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from Queens College; she received her Doctorate degree in Ministry from New York Theological Seminary, and has worked in private practice as a marriage and family therapist for

the past 35 years; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to her profession, Dr. Phyllis E. Carter is affiliated with: American Association of Marriage and Family Therapist (AAMFT), Approved Supervisor Designation; American Association of Pastoral Counselors; and National Christian Counselor; she also specializes in Grief Counseling; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Phyllis E. Carter was a former Adjunct Professor at Nyack College, Manhattan campus, teaching Marriage and Family Courses in the master's program; she has supervised interns at Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York, and served as a facilitator for the Caregivers Interfaith project New York Disaster Recovery 9/11 Project; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Phyllis E. Carter ministers through counseling at the Refuge Apostolic Church of Christ Freeport and serves as President of the Clergy Wives of The International Bible Way World Wide organization; she has also authored, "Pastor's Rib & His Flock," "The Silent Sufferers," and "The Liberation of African American Clergy Wives"; and

WHEREAS, In her free time, Dr. Phyllis E. Carter enjoys traveling, preaching, lecturing, and conducting inner-healing seminars across the country; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Dr. Phyllis E. Carter 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 Dr. Phyllis E. Carter has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Dr. Phyllis E. Carter, that future generations may know and appreciate her admirable character, her many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which she is held by her peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Phyllis E. Carter upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a Lincoln-King Visionary Award for her commitment and service to her community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Phyllis E. Carter.