

Assembly Resolution No. 789

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**HONORING** Rev. Joseph N. Felix upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Lincoln-King Visionary Award for his commitment and service to his 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,** Joseph Felix 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 Rev. Joseph N. Felix upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Lincoln-King Visionary Award for his commitment and service to his 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,** Joseph Felix 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,** Having grown in popularity as a young dynamic and anointed preacher and youth leader, Joseph Felix started his first church plant in New Hampshire in 1995 and ministered for two years until moving to New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Born on May 9, 1965 in Aux Cayes, Haiti, Joseph Felix had a fervor and enthusiasm for church in preaching and prayer services from a young age;

**WHEREAS,** With humble beginnings, at the remarkable age of 14, Joseph Felix began leading services under coconut leaves in tents; at 17 years old, he had a church built with brick in Tonbek with a capacity of 400 people; later, at age 25, he founded another church in the same region, Tonbek George, with a capacity of 800 people; and

**WHEREAS,** Joseph Felix would also later build an adjoining school in Tonbek in 2008; after graduating from Cevique College, he started his ministerial education at Mission L'Eglise de Dieu (Church of God Mission); with bigger dreams in mind, he received a visa to travel to France before eventually traveling to the United States and residing in Brooklyn, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1998, Joseph Felix founded his main branch Church of God Faith in Christ, which started as a modest gathering of 40 members and grew over time to more than 100 members; the Church now resides at 1238 Flatbush Avenue and is recognized for its Thursday morning fasting services where miracles and healings are performed; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2004, Joseph Felix opened a church in Naples, Florida for about 4 years; then, in 2018, he opened another church in Aux Cayes with a capacity of 350 people; and

**WHEREAS,** Not only was he diligent in serving his religious community, Joseph Felix also was arduous in his studies; from 1992 to 2010, Joseph Felix worked on his academic career obtaining a certificate from Mt. Olive Bible Institute, and his bachelors, masters and doctorate degrees in theology from Lighthouse Christian Seminary; and

**WHEREAS,** Rev. Joseph N. Felix is known for his dynamic preaching, dedication to serve, integrity, work ethic, restlessness, energetic footwork and most of all his charitable heart which has helped and encouraged so many, like his commitment with various relief efforts in his missionary work to Haiti; and

**WHEREAS,** Besides his domestic travels in the States, Rev. Joseph N. Felix has also traveled and ministered in countries like France, Canada, and Dominican Republic; even during Haiti's current tumultuous and dangerous conditions, he traveled, ministered and assisted his ailing community in Aux Cayes; and

**WHEREAS,** With him throughout since 1993 has been his wife, Geraldine Felix, his son, Benjamin, and his two daughters, Kestia and Daniella, all of whom feel privileged to have been a part of his life and rejoiced in his many achievements; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Rev. Joseph N. Felix 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 Rev. Joseph N. Felix has displayed throughout his 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 Rev. Joseph N. Felix, that future generations may know and appreciate his admirable character, his many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which he is held by his peers; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Rev. Joseph N. Felix upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Lincoln-King Visionary Award for his commitment and service to his community; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rev. Joseph N. Felix.