

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Overseer Dorothy Wright upon the occasion of her 50th Pastoral Anniversary

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 Overseer Dorothy Wright upon the occasion of her 50th Pastoral Anniversary, to be celebrated on October 20, 2012, at the Brooklyn Marriott Hotel; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Holt's education began in the segregated South, where she attended the J.C. Price Elementary School in Greensboro, North Carolina; upon her completion, she attended The James B. Dudley High School and later reflected on the childcare courses that were her favorites and would be the foundation that would serve her well later in life; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Holt's higher education began at North Carolina's Agricultural and Technical College; while attending A&T, she met and fell in love with Carson Chester Wright whom she later married; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Wright left North Carolina's Agricultural and Technical College to complete her studies at the Maco Beauty College of Greensboro, North Carolina; she graduated from Maco as a beautician and after graduation, she worked as a beautician in Greensboro until she eventually left the state of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy and Chester Wright moved to Providence, Rhode Island, and then to Brooklyn, New York, where Chester worked for the NYC Police Department; from the inception of her pastorate, in 1962, Overseer Wright's vision for St. Paul Pentecostal Church is to be a thoroughly biblical church that passionately seeks God's manifested presence and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Overseer Wright helps people improve their relationship with God and each other; in so doing, she has dedicated her ministry to making a difference in the Brownsville community by impacting and rebuilding individuals and families both naturally and spiritually; and

WHEREAS, Throughout Overseer Wright's 50 years of ministry, her desire is to help people strengthen their families and marriages; St. Paul Pentecostal Church has conducted numerous outreach programs geared towards building, improving, and enhancing the quality of life for the Ocean-Hill Brownsville community; and

WHEREAS, Overseer Wright's great love for children became the influential factor in many of the outreach programs; she knew that in order to invest in the future of her community, she had to be concerned with developing educationally empowered youth who have a dedicated life of holiness in God; and

WHEREAS, From 1965-1970, St. Paul Pentecostal hosted the Summer Day Camp Youth In Action program which gave inner city youth an opportunity to participate in academic enrichments, and arts and crafts activities, along with community trips, in order to enhance their summer vacation; this had also allotted job opportunities for the teenagers who were qualified to work; and

WHEREAS, During the 1980s, St. Paul Summer Academy focused on giving inner city youth reading and math enrichment as well as computer skills in order to provide the growing technological skills in which, at the time, many community children had not yet received; and

WHEREAS, For over 20 years, St. Paul Pentecostal has given children tutorial assistance in math and reading; with the growing emphasis on reading and math standardized tests, as well as high school regents exams; St. Paul's Tutorial Program has given students not only proper

techniques and strategies, but also the confidence necessary to master

the requirements needed for testing success; in addition, other programs such as Boys and Girls Scouts, Little League and Sewing Clubs have also contributed enriching the lives of inner city youth; 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, Along with her husband, with her throughout have been their children, Carson, Paul and Pamela, as well as their grandchildren, Carnelia and Toni, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; 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 Overseer Dorothy Wright upon the occasion of her 50th Pastoral Anniversary, noting her unremitting and compassionate faith and her exemplary service to God, man, and her community, and extending to her the heartfelt best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Overseer Dorothy Wright.