Assembly Resolution No. 531

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COMMENDING Dr. Antoinette S. Jennings upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the National Council of Negro Women-Queens County Section on June 8, 2025

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Dr. Antoinette S. Jennings upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the National Council of Negro Women-Queens County Section, to be celebrated at its 37th Annual Black and White Celebration of Honorees on Sunday, June 8, 2025, at Antun's in Queens Village, New York; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Antoinette S. Jennings is a distinguished leader, speaker, coach, retired police officer, New York State Chaplain, and author, whose life's work reflects her unwavering commitment to empowering individuals and transforming communities, both locally and globally; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Antoinette S. Jennings served with honor for 22 years as a member of the New York City Police Department, and now dedicates her time to inspiring others as the Founder and Executive Director of Leaders of the Future No Limits, a nonprofit organization focused on uplifting and educating communities; and

WHEREAS, Despite facing the challenges of being a teenage mother, Dr. Antoinette S. Jennings demonstrated remarkable resilience, turning adversity into opportunity and embodying the belief that "all things work together for good for those who love the Lord and are called according to His purpose," inspiring countless others to overcome their own hardships and step into their purpose; and

WHEREAS, As a committed community advocate, Dr. Antoinette S. Jennings has initiated and led numerous impactful programs, including Peace Walks, Christmas Giveaways, Turkey Giveaways, and the Apage Love Feast, while partnering with local leaders to ensure essential services reach those in need; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Antoinette S. Jennings holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication and is currently pursuing an MS in Organizational Leadership, exemplifying her dedication to lifelong learning and personal growth, while also mentoring young people through programs such as the Play Street program in Harlem and the Love Over Violence Every-time Harlem Unit; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Antoinette S. Jennings' exceptional work has been

recognized by numerous prestigious organizations, earning her distinguished accolades such as two Presidential Volunteer Service Awards, a Congressional Recognition Award, proclamations for her

community impact, as well as an honorary Doctorate and the title of Her Excellency from the United Nations in 2023; 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. Antoinette S. Jennings upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the National Council of Negro Women-Queens County Section; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Antoinette S. Jennings.