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Senate Resolution No. 1496

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMEMORATING the 175th Anniversary of Hope Chapel  
AME Zion Church of Utica, New York

WHEREAS, Religious institutions, and the many spiritual, social, and educational benefits they confer, play a vital role in the development of the moral fabric of a responsible citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of this State and Nation to pay tribute to those institutions and individuals who have contributed to the ethical and spiritual values of their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes pleasure in commemorating the 175th Anniversary of Hope Chapel AME Zion Church of Utica, New York, to be celebrated on Saturday, October 21, 2023; and

WHEREAS, The Hope Chapel AME Zion Church stands as a welcoming institution to all citizens of Utica, finding great success in the practical preaching and teachings by Pastor Sharon Baugh, an ordained Elder in the AME Zion Church; she spreads messages of the faith, service, love, and legacy, with the goal to help everyone live impactful and fruitful lives; and

WHEREAS, Hope Chapel AME Zion Church of Utica stands on the threshold of tomorrow, prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades while retaining a spiritual resolve which characterizes its

past; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of enduring religious institutions and to bring such institutions to the attention of the people of this Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 175th Anniversary of Hope Chapel AME Zion Church, fully confident that this commemoration reflects the belief in those values which enhance the dignity and purpose of life; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Hope Chapel AME Zion Church of Utica, New York.