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Senate Resolution No. 965

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Pastor Gilford T. Monroe upon the occasion of his 20th Pastoral Anniversary on May 3, 2025

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those individuals who have devoted their lives to serving the spiritual needs of their communities, thereby contributing to the moral and social fabric of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Pastor Gilford T. Monroe upon the occasion of his 20th Pastoral Anniversary, celebrated on Saturday, May 3, 2025; and

WHEREAS, A native of the U.S. Virgin Islands, Pastor Monroe moved to New York in 1999 to pursue a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology and Bible Studies at Nyack College and Alliance Theological Seminary, and to marry the love of his life, Dianne Thomas; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Monroe began his ministry as Youth Director at the historic Mt. Zion Church of God 7th Day, where he developed programs for young people, demonstrating a deep understanding of their struggles and a tireless commitment to enhancing their spiritual maturity; and

WHEREAS, In May 2005, Pastor Monroe was ordained to the ministry

and has since continued to show unwavering love and dedication to his church and its members; and

WHEREAS, Beyond the pulpit, Pastor Monroe has made significant contributions to the broader community; in 2002, he established the Catch The Vision (CTV) Youth Conferences, empowering youth, leaders, and marriages, and attracting participants from around the world; and

WHEREAS, He initiated the annual Unity Gospel Fest at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center to promote spiritual and physical wellness, and was instrumental in the development of the East Flatbush Ready When the Time Comes Disaster Team, providing disaster-relief training through the American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Monroe has served as a chaplain for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and in various leadership roles including as director of the Faith-Based and Clergy Initiative at the Brooklyn Borough President's Office, board member of the Flatbush YMCA, and chair of the Community Leadership Council of Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Gilford T. Monroe is the founding President of the 67th Precinct Clergy Council, known as "The GodSquad," serving as a liaison between the police and the community to address gun violence and promote peace; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Monroe's dedication extends internationally, having partnered with groups across the Caribbean, Africa, Brazil, Moscow,

England, and Israel, empowering individuals to become active and responsible citizens; and

WHEREAS, As the loving husband of Dianne Monroe and father to Gianne and Joshua, Pastor Monroe is a passionate advocate for families and children, residing in Weeksville, Brooklyn; 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 recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Pastor Gilford T. Monroe upon the occasion of his 20th Pastoral Anniversary, and to commend him for his dedicated service to his faith and community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Pastor Gilford T. Monroe.