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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Pastors Paul and Carolyn Tebbano for 40 years of service in the ministry

WHEREAS, The character and richness of religious and community life in this noble Empire State is nourished and fulfilled through the faithful concern and selfless devotion of those who would commit their energies and purpose to the ministry of others; and

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Pastors Paul and Carolyn Tebbano for 40 years of service in the ministry, to be celebrated on Sunday, December 14, 2008, in Clifton Park, New York; and

WHEREAS, This special occasion is to also celebrate 40 years of marriage for Pastors Paul and Carolyn Tebbano; and

WHEREAS, A 1965 graduate of Linton High School in Schenectady, New York, Reverend Paul D. Tebbano married his childhood sweetheart, Carolyn Braco on December 7, 1968; and

WHEREAS, In 1968, Reverend Paul Tebbano served as an airplane mechanic for the Air National Guard; in the Fall of that year, he began preaching and teaching as a youth pastor for the Van Nest Full Gospel Church in the Bronx, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1974, Reverend Paul Tebbano graduated from Valley Forge Christian College in Pennsylvania; he received Evangelical Teacher Training and earned a Teacher's Diploma from Northeast Bible College in May of 1974; and

WHEREAS, From 1979-1984, Reverend Paul Tebbano served as youth pastor and athletic director for New Life Ministries; in May of 1983, he received his Certificate of Ordination from the Assemblies of God; and
WHEREAS, In 1985, Reverend Paul and Carolyn Tebbano began Harvest Church of Clifton Park; in 1990, they began building the current facility; the Easter Sunday service of 1991 was the first held at that particular facility, and that same year, they started the community food pantry; and

WHEREAS, In 1992, Reverend Paul Tebbano's first radio program was broadcast locally, and is now aired throughout the Capital District, western New York, northern New York and Canada, Chattanooga, Tennessee, and around the world via shortwave radio; that same year he received a Certificate of Ordination from LeSea Ministries; and

WHEREAS, On October 15, 2000, Reverend Paul Tebbano's first "Sold Out" program was televised locally on WTEN Channel 10 & 19; on January 18, 2004, it was televised in 74 countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, On November 15, 2002, Reverend Paul Tebbano received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity from the River Bible Institute in Tampa, Florida; in January of 2003, he began a new building project for the Distribution Center Harvest Warehouse, which would facilitate the storage and distribution of food, clothing, furniture, and other items to individuals and families in need; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, the Food Pantry provided 39,471 pounds of goods for families living in the Clifton Park/Halfmoon community; and

WHEREAS, With them throughout have been their children, Paul and James, as well as their grandchildren, Anthony and Nicco, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of their lives and rejoice in their achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when couples of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention it is appropriate to publicly and jubilantly proclaim and commend them for the

edification of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Pastors Paul and Carolyn Tebbano for 40 years of service in the ministry; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Pastors Paul and Carolyn Tebbano.