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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 200th Anniversary of Lyons First Presbyterian Church, to be celebrated on Wednesday, October 7, 2009

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 this 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 200th Anniversary of Lyons First Presbyterian Church, to be celebrated on Wednesday, October 7, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Lyons First Presbyterian Church stands on the threshold of tomorrow, prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades while retaining that spiritual resolve which characterizes its past; and

WHEREAS, The Presbyterian Church was organized at a meeting held at John Riggs' home on January 2, 1800; a trustee or traveling minister conducted weekly services until 1809; and

WHEREAS, By that particular time, John Lindsley, one of three missionaries who were sent by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, to go into New York settlements to preach the gospel and organize churches, arrived at the hamlet of Lyons, then known as the District of Sodus; and

WHEREAS, In the early days, services were commonly held in barns, homes or taverns; on October 23, 1809, the First Presbyterian Church of Sodus was formed at a service held at trustee John Perrine's barn; today, the current church edifice is located at 11 Queens Street in Lyons; 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 200th Anniversary of Lyons First Presbyterian Church, to be celebrated on Wednesday, October 7, 2009, 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 Reverend Lee Edward Prong, Pastor of Lyons First Presbyterian Church.