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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church of Rochester, New York, to be celebrated on June 6, 2010

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 100th Anniversary of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church of Rochester, New York; and

WHEREAS, The theme of the Centennial celebration is "100 years of Walking in Faith: Preserving Our Past, Building Our Future, Winning Souls for Christ" and will focus on tangible ways to extend Mt. Olivet Baptist Church's ministry to those who need it most in the community; and

WHEREAS, As an extension of its 100th Anniversary, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church will sponsor a Walk-a-thon on Sunday, June 6, 2010; members and friends will not only participate in heart healthy exercise but they will raise funds to expand the church's ministry and better serve families within the community; and

WHEREAS, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church holds the distinction of being the first Baptist Church established in Rochester for people of color; today, it has a diverse membership of approximately 700 persons that live in Rochester and surrounding suburbs; members include people from all professions, races and cultures; and

WHEREAS, As a covenant community, the members of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church endeavor to build the whole community in order to serve the world in which we exist; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its distinguished history, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church has been committed to expanding its social ministry in order to improve the lives of men, women, children and families; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of Senior Pastor, Reverend Rickey

Bernard Harvey, Mt. Olivet Baptist 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, 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 100th Anniversary of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church of Rochester, New York, to be observed on June 6, 2010, 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 Rickey Bernard Harvey, Senior Pastor, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Rochester, New York.