

## 2011-J181

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 200th Anniversary of First Presbyterian Church of Liberty, 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 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 First Presbyterian Church of Liberty, New York; and

WHEREAS, The First Presbyterian Church of Liberty was founded in 1809 and became part of The Hudson River Presbytery on September 6, 1810; the first location of the church was on South Main Street, with a manse located nearby; the building was built in 1812, a tower and bell were added in 1827 and the entire building was remodeled in 1849; and

WHEREAS, In 1870, the church was placed on skids, which were laid on logs and drawn up Main Street by four teams of oxen to the present location; in 1901, a pipe organ and metal ceiling were added to the sanctuary; and

WHEREAS, The first Session Committee was formed in 1810, with only men allowed to serve; the Deacons (with both men and women serving) and Trustee Committees were started in 1907; women were allowed to join both the Session and the Trustees in 1964; and

WHEREAS, In 1958, a large addition known as Westminster Hall was added to the church; it gave the congregation the opportunity to hold community dinners and gather together to enjoy the company of the neighbors; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church has always been to preserve moral traditions, beliefs, history, and love of God and to reach out in the community to make Liberty a better place for the next generation; and

WHEREAS, First Presbyterian Church stands on the threshold of tomorrow, prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades while retain-

ing 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 200th Anniversary of First Presbyterian Church of Liber-  
ty, New York, 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 tran-  
smitted to First Presbyterian Church of Liberty, New York.