2011-J636

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Bishop Lionel Harvey, Senior Pastor of the First Baptist Cathedral of Westbury, upon the occasion of his 12th Anniversary

WHEREAS, The character and richness of religious and community life in this noble Empire State are 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Bishop Lionel Harvey upon the occasion of his 12th Anniversary as Senior Pastor of the First Baptist Cathedral of Westbury; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious milestone will be celebrated throughout the month of February at several services to be held at the First Baptist Cathedral of Westbury and will culminate with a Fellowship Luncheon at Verdi's Catering in Westbury, New York, on Saturday, March 19, 2011; and WHEREAS, Bishop Lionel Harvey has brought to his ministry an overwhelming spirit of charity and compassion, acting from vision and enlightenment in conducting his administrative and spiritual duties, while always displaying the highest standards of personal and professional integrity and dedication; and

WHEREAS, The vision of Bishop Lionel Harvey has led to the incorporation of a not-for-profit community development organization, the Unified New Cassel Community Revitalization Corporation (UNCCRC); his ongoing commitment to the revitalization of the Westbury/New Cassel community has provided area residents with a vital and vibrant voice; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished man of God has always given enlightenment, guidance and wisdom to the many entrusted to his care and has administered abundantly and unstintingly to the spiritual and corporal needs of all; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when a person of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention it is appropriate to publicly and jubilantly proclaim and commend that individual for the edification of others; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Bishop Lionel Harvey upon the occasion of the celebration of his 12th Anniversary as Senior Pastor of the First Baptist Cathedral of Westbury, noting his unremitting and compassionate faith and his exemplary service to God, man, and his community, and extending to him the heartfelt best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bishop Lionel Harvey.