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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the New York Landmarks Conservancy's Sacred Sites Program for the Historic Rugged Cross Baptist Church

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 25th Anniversary of the New York Landmarks Conservancy's Sacred Sites Program for the Historic Rugged Cross Baptist Church; this auspicious occasion will be at an Open House weekend, to be held on May 21-22, 2011, at the Historic Rugged Cross Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Historic Rugged Cross Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York, is a historic landmark building which proudly rests on the original property of the Christ English Evangelical Lutheran Church established in 1895; and

WHEREAS, The famous architects, Dodge and Morrison, constructed the Christ English Evangelical Lutheran Church with character defining features of the Romanesque Revival ecclesiastical architecture, designing round-arch windows and door openings with contrast masonry framing the exterior of the sanctuary with cream colored rusticated brickwork and ornate terra cotta trim; and

WHEREAS, The Historic Rugged Cross Baptist Church also boasts grand sweeping German pictorial stained glass windows designed by the world renowned studio of Meyer of Munich; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, the Historic Rugged Cross Baptist Church was listed on both the New York State and National Registers of Historic Places by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; it is also an award recipient of the New York Landmarks

Conservancy's Robert W. Wilson Sacred Sites Challenge grant; and

WHEREAS, The Historic Rugged Cross Baptist Church was established by the late Pastor Reverend Desha Moten in May 1966; its current Pastor, Reverend Dr. Emma J. Knox was installed in October 1996; and

WHEREAS, Under the superb spiritual leadership of Pastor. Reverend Dr. Emma S. Knox, the Historic Rugged Cross Baptist Church is involved in myriad community activities, including its Bible Institute, Thanksgiving Feast, Toys for Tots, Angel Tree Ministry, Youth Ministries, Sisters of Salvation, Ambassadors for Christ and Summer Youth Employment Program; and

WHEREAS, The Historic Rugged Cross Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York, 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 25th Anniversary of the New York Landmarks Conservancy's Sacred Sites Program for the Historic Rugged Cross Baptist Church, 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 the Historic Rugged Cross Baptist Church, 1084 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11221.