

## 2011-K656

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Walton Reformed Presbyterian Church upon the occasion of celebrating its 150th Anniversary on July 16, 2011

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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the Walton Reformed Presbyterian Church upon the occasion of celebrating 150 years as a congregation on July 16, 2011, with a celebration to be held at the church, in Walton, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Walton Reformed Presbyterian Church was officially organized on September 5, 1861, with two elders and two deacons elected; minutes show that nineteen people presented themselves to be admitted to the privileges of the church; in 1863, the first house of worship was erected, five miles from Walton, and on December 16, 1863, Dr. David McAllister was installed as the first Pastor; and

WHEREAS, In 1874, the Walton congregation moved the church building from its location in the country to the village of Walton, erecting the church on the site where it remains today; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its distinguished history, the congregants of the Walton Reformed Presbyterian Church have been active participants within the community, playing an important role in the history of Walton, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Walton Reformed 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, It is only fitting to take note of enduring religious institutions and to bring such institutions to the attention of the people of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

commend the Walton Reformed Presbyterian Church upon the occasion of celebrating its 150th Anniversary on July 16, 2011; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Walton Reformed Presbyterian Church, at the corner of East and Bruce Streets, Walton, New York 13856.