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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Reverend Dr. Randolph Nugent upon the occasion of his retirement from Vanderveer Park United Methodist Church, Brooklyn, New York

WHEREAS, The character and richness of religious and community life in this noble Empire State is 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 Reverend Dr. Randolph Nugent upon the occasion of his retirement from Vanderveer Park United Methodist Church, Brooklyn, New York to be celebrated at a Dedication and Retirement Ceremony on Sunday, June 26, 2011; and WHEREAS, A graduate of Hunter College, Reverend Dr. Randolph Nugent went on to attend Drew University School of Theology, receiving a Master of Divinity, followed by the New York Theological Seminary where he received his Doctor of Ministry degree; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his ministry, Reverend Dr. Randolph Nugent has served as pastor of numerous churches including Brooks Memorial United Methodist Church, Queens; Van Alyst Avenue United Methodist Church, Long Island City; First United Methodist Church, Albany, New York; United Methodist Inner City Ministry, Troy Annual Conference, UMC; and Vanderveer Park United Methodist Church of Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Randolph Nugent has also served his community as Chairman of the Commission for Participation and Development, World Council of Churches Member, Commission on World Mission and Evangelism of the World Council of Churches Member, Commission on InterChurch Aid, Refugees and World Service Member, General Board of the National Council of Churches, Chairman of the African-American Institute, Member, Board of Directors of Africa University, Inc. in Zimbabwe, Member of the American Foundation for AIDS Research, and Immediate Past President of the

Board of Trustees of The Interchurch Center; and WHEREAS, Currently Reverend Dr. Randolph Nugent is a member of the Board of Trustees of The Interchurch Center and Drew University, as well as a board member of the United Methodist Society; and WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Randolph Nugent 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, 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, With him throughout have been his wife, Barbara Montgomery, and their two daughters, Patricia Nugent and Melissa Brown, as well as three grandchildren, Ceili Ellis, and Jennifer, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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 Reverend Dr. Randolph Nugent upon the occasion of his retirement

from Vanderveer Park United Methodist Church, Brooklyn, New York, 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 Reverend Dr. Randolph Nugent, 505 LaGuardia Place, New York, New York 10012.