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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church of Hollis, New York, to be celebrated on February 12, 2012

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 50th Anniversary of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church of Hollis, New York, to be celebrated on February 12, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church of Hollis, New York, was organized in 1962, and sustained early by the Sidberry, Jones and Price families; initially under the visionary leadership of Reverend Phillip Hawkins, the church filled a void, becoming the first Baptist Church in the community; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Pastor James Barnwell, Mt. Olivet Baptist 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 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 50th Anniversary of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church of Hollis, New York, to be celebrated on February 12, 2012, 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 Pastor James Barnwell, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, 20203 Hollis Avenue, Jamaica, New York 11412.