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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Reverend Dr. Fred Lucas, Founder and Senior Pastor of the Brooklyn Community Church, upon the occasion of celebrating 40 years of service to the ministry

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 honor Reverend Dr. Fred Lucas, Founder and Senior Pastor of the Brooklyn Community Church, upon the occasion of celebrating 40 years of service to the ministry, to be recognized Saturday, October 27, 2012, at Russo's on The Bay, Queens, New York; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Fred Lucas is a pastor, educator and specialist in the area of faith-based community, housing and economic development; he is the founding pastor of the Brooklyn Community Church in Brooklyn, New York, and founding President/CEO of the Faith Center For Community Development, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Fred Lucas has served as instructor of religion at Monrovia College in Liberia, West Africa, and as an Adjunct Professor at Harvard Divinity School, Colgate Rochester Divinity School, and New York Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, For the past 40 years, Reverend Dr. Fred Lucas has been in the preaching ministry; he has 25 years of pastoral experience at four churches in Liberia, West Africa; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Buffalo, New York; and Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Fred Lucas is a creative, innovative, out-of-the-box preacher and leader; at Brooklyn Community Church, 100 members joined the church in its first 10 months of existence; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Fred Lucas provided pastoral leadership in

launching many community programs, and he has served on numerous advisory boards; in addition, he served on President Clinton's Religious Advisory Board, and was appointed by President George W. Bush to the National African American Leadership Roundtable, as well as the Clergy Advisory Board of the Bush-Clinton Katrina Relief Fund; and

WHEREAS, His work has been nationally recognized in the writings of C. Eric Lincoln, Lawrence Mamiya, Andrew Billingsley, and Clarence Taylor, as well as featured in POSITIVE COMMUNITY magazine, THE NEW YORK TIMES, AMSTERDAM NEWS, BLACK ENTERPRISE magazine, CNN, NBC World News Tonight, and NBC Nightly News; and

WHEREAS, At the Faith Center, Reverend Lucas has served as publisher and general editor of three practical manuals on church-based community development: A LEGAL GUIDE TO STARTING A FAITH-BASED CDC, BUILDING PROSPERITY AND ABUNDANCE IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY - A GUIDE TO LAUNCHING A FINANCIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM IN YOUR LOCAL CHURCH, and THE ROLE OF FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Fred Lucas holds a B.A. degree from Harvard University; a Master of Divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School; and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Colgate Rochester Divinity School in New York; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Fred Lucas 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, D. Pulane Lucas, their four children, and one grandchild, 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

honor Reverend Dr. Fred Lucas, Founder and Senior Pastor of the Brooklyn Community Church, upon the occasion of celebrating 40 years of service to the ministry, noting his unrelenting 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. Fred Lucas.