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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 250th Anniversary of First Presbyterian Church of Albany, New York, to be celebrated on April 19, 2013

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 250th Anniversary of First Presbyterian Church of Albany, New York, to be celebrated on Friday, April 19, 2013, at Wolfert's Roost Country Club in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, First Presbyterian Church of Albany was founded in 1763; the Church is located at the corner of State and Willett Streets, in the Center Square area, facing Washington Park; and

WHEREAS, Alexander Hamilton, Aaron Burr, John Jay, Eliphalet Nott, and a catalogue of governors, politicians, and educators of New York State and the nation sat in the pews of First Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, A valued member of its community, First Presbyterian Church is instrumental in a host of community events, outreaches, and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, First Presbyterian plays host to an annual Thanksgiving Dinner sponsored by Equinox - a community service organization; the free meal has been served since 1969 in the Assembly Hall to approximately 2000 guests each year; and

WHEREAS, First Presbyterian Church of Albany 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 the 250th Anniversary of First Presbyterian Church of Albany, New York, to be celebrated on April 19, 2013, 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 First Presbyterian Church, Albany, New York.