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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Reverend Dr. Horace DeVore Chapman, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is with great sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Reverend Dr. Horace DeVore Chapman of Brooklyn, New York, who died on Tuesday, December 18, 2012, at the age of 62, noting the significance of his purposeful life and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Chapman distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Chapman's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Born in Greenville, South Carolina, Horace DeVore Chapman was educated in the public schools of South Carolina and Brooklyn, New York; he continued his studies at the Shaw University School of Theology in Raleigh, North Carolina, as well as Fordham University and City College matriculating in psychology, theology and bible history; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from college, Horace DeVore Chapman held his christian education in high regard because it was his calling to minister and serve; he was a member of the Board of Managers of the Brooklyn Council of Churches, a member of the East Brooklyn Churches, a member of the Pastoral Care Staff of Saint Mary's Hospital in Brooklyn, and vice-chairman of the Trustee Board of the Eastern Baptist Association; and

WHEREAS, In 1967, Reverend Chapman received his ministerial license and was ordained in 1968 by Reverend W.J. Hall, Bethel Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York; he served as Assistant Pastor of the Union Baptist Church in Durham, North Carolina under the pastorate of Reverend Grady Davis; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Chapman also served as the pastor of the Second Baptist Church in Middletown, New York; in November 1976, he accepted the call as pastor of the Greater Bright Light Missionary Baptist Church serving there for 34 years; in 2005, he was called to become the 4th pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Reverend Chapman leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Reverend Dr. Horace DeVore Chapman, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Reverend Dr. Horace DeVore Chapman.