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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Pastor Elgin Joseph Taylor, Sr. for five years of devoted service to the Sweet Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church

WHEREAS, The spiritual guidance and nurturing of the citizens of the State of New York is of great importance to the vitality and well-being of our communities; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to bring full recognition and just tribute to those men and women of religious commitment who accept the responsibility of moral leadership and render the wisdom of human understanding; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Pastor Elgin Joseph Taylor Sr. for five years of devoted service to the Sweet Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church, to be celebrated on Sunday, April 26, 2015, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, A native of Albany, New York, Elgin Joseph Taylor, Sr. was born to Joseph M. Taylor and the late Dematress L. Gaillard-Taylor; he was raised in a Christian home and into a family of musicians; and

WHEREAS, Elgin Joseph Taylor, Sr. graduated from Albany High School in 1982, during which time he received the Harriett Sacca Award for Music Excellence; he went on to earn a degree in Marketing and Business Administration from Albany Business College in 1985, the same year he was ordained as a Deacon; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Elgin Joseph Taylor, Sr. has faithfully served as the Minister of the Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church in Albany for 22 years; his first charge in music ministry began in 1977, as an Assistant to the Minister of Music; and

WHEREAS, Renowned in the Capital District Region for his active

pursuit of musical excellence, Pastor Elgin Joseph Taylor, Sr. instructs sacred and African-American religious music, and facilitates numerous music ministry workshops; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man has served as a lecturer and presenter at the Christian Education Institute of the Hudson River Frontier Missionary Baptist Association, the Central Hudson Baptist Association, and the Empire Baptist Missionary Convention, Inc., as well as many churches throughout New York State; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his music ministry at Morning Star, for the past 28 years, Pastor Elgin Joseph Taylor, Sr. has served as Director of Music of the Empire Baptist Missionary Convention of New York State, Inc., where he also currently serves as General Recording Secretary and Executive Assistant to the President; and

WHEREAS, Active within the community he so ably serves, Pastor Elgin Joseph Taylor, Sr. gives tirelessly of his time and energy to the Hudson River Frontier Missionary Baptist Association and the Central Hudson Missionary Baptist Association; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Elgin Joseph Taylor, Sr. has been the proud recipient of countless awards and accolades some of which include, the Citizen's Award from the MC Lawton Civic and Cultural Club and Alpha Chi Omega Chi Club, the NAACP Outstanding Community Service Award and Medal, and listed in the "Who's Who Among American Men"; and

WHEREAS, Accepting his call to the Gospel Ministry in June of 2005, Pastor Elgin Joseph Taylor, Sr. preached his initial sermon entitled, "Where are the Worshippers", on Sunday, October 16, 2005; he joined the fellowship of Shiloh Baptist Church of Hudson, New York in May of 2006, serving as Associate Minister/Executive Minister to the Pastor and the Minister of Music; and

WHEREAS, On February 6, 2010, Pastor Elgin Joseph Taylor, Sr. was catechized by the Central Hudson Baptist Association of New York, Inc., during which time he was recommended and ordained to the Gospel Minis-

try; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Elgin Joseph Taylor, Sr. has led the Sweet Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church in a spirit of excellence for the past five years; under his able leadership, many initiatives have been instituted and the church has experienced major growth; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his son, Elgin Joseph Taylor, II, who feels privileged to be a part of his life and rejoices in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Singular in distinction is Pastor Elgin Joseph Taylor, Sr., whose service to his church and his people, and his involvement in his community mirror a commitment of compelling dimension; 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 Pastor Elgin Joseph Taylor, Sr. for five years of devoted service to the Sweet Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Pastor Elgin Joseph Taylor, Sr.