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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating The Reverend Edward Corley upon the occasion of celebrating his 40th Anniversary as Pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Manhasset, New York

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 practice 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 congratulate The Reverend Edward Corley upon the occasion of celebrating his 40th Anniversary as Pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Manhasset, New York; and

WHEREAS, A native of Manhasset, New York, The Reverend Edward Corley graduated from Manhasset High School in 1954, and received his bachelor's degree from New York University; he later earned his master's degree in Social Work from Yeshiva University, and taught history in the Great Neck School District for 16 years; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church for 68 years, The Reverend Edward Corley served in a variety of roles as the protege of Reverend James C. Brown, including youth director, Sunday School teacher, President of the Baptist Training Union, choir member, and assistant minister; and

WHEREAS, In 1974, this esteemed man was called upon to assume leadership of Mt. Olive Baptist Church; since then, he has worked to empower and give voice to countless members of his community; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his ministry, The Reverend Edward Corley has strived to overcome barriers and expand services to those in need; he started a "black-Jewish dialogue" with Temple Beth-El of Great Neck, leading to the formation of an organization which has provided legal counsel and medical care to area residents; and

WHEREAS, A past-president of the North Shore branch of the NAACP, The Reverend Edward Corley has worked his whole life to reduce racism whenever possible, while inspiring others to improve the social landscape; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his wife of 59 years, Marva; their four children, Edward, Kim, Michael and the late Robyn; and six grandchildren, Robyn, Renee, Ryanna, Taylor, Destiny and Michael, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which The Reverend Edward Corley has displayed throughout his distinguished pastoral ministry; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those religious leaders who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate The Reverend Edward Corley upon the occasion of celebrating his 40th Anniversary as Pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Manhasset, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Reverend Edward Corley.