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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Reverend Anthony Lavay Trufant and First Lady Muriel Trufant for special recognition, and commemorating the 25th Anniversary of Reverend Anthony Lavay Trufant's service to the Emmanuel Baptist Church on November 13, 2015

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 custom 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 Anthony Lavay Trufant and First Lady Muriel Trufant for special recognition, and commemorating the 25th Anniversary of Reverend Anthony Lavay Trufant's service to the Emmanuel Baptist Church on November 13, 2015, to be celebrated at its 25th Anniversary Gala on Friday, November 13, 2015, at the Liberty Warehouse, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Anthony Lavay Trufant 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, Reverend Anthony Lavay Trufant earned a bachelor's degree from Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia, and then went on to obtain a Master of Divinity from Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, Rochester, New York; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Reverend Anthony Lavay Trufant received a diplo-

ma in Pastoral Counseling from Post Graduate Center for Mental Health, New York City, and has completed coursework towards a Doctor of Ministry at Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, New York City; and

WHEREAS, In July of 1981, Reverend Anthony Lavay Trufant attained his license to preach, and was ordained in May of 1988 by Third Baptist Church, San Francisco, California; he is also a certified Conflict Resolution Mediator; and

WHEREAS, A former adjunct professor at New York Theological and Auburn Theological Seminaries, he has lectured and preached at numerous colleges and universities, including Morehouse College, University of Pennsylvania, Suffolk University, Palmer Theological, Long Island University, Cornell University, and Princeton Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, The Brooklyn, New York-based preaching, teaching and outreach ministry of Reverend Anthony Lavay Trufant stretches from New York City to New Orleans, from Haiti's hovels to the up-from-apartheid townships of South Africa and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Anthony Lavay Trufant's beliefs have been shaped, in part, by his Chicago boyhood and by spending the balance of his youth in San Francisco; he successfully completed an internship at the Third Baptist Church, under the capable leadership of The Reverend Dr. Amos Brown; and

WHEREAS, In November of 1990, Reverend Anthony Lavay Trufant was appointed as Pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church; in this capacity, he has overseen its exponential growth in membership and programming and has raised its profile as one of the most innovative, effective "glocal" churches in the Metro New York area; and

WHEREAS, A sought-after workshop facilitator, church consultant, and leadership development specialist, Reverend Anthony Lavay Trufant has been the recipient of numerous civic and religious awards and accolades; he was also inducted into the Morehouse College of Ministers; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, this remarkable man was profiled in the critically acclaimed book THE MESSENGERS by David Ritz, and published WORSHIP THAT PLEASES GOD; he has been active in the Dallas, Texas-based, nationally focused Leadership Network, and is a representative of Urban Ministry Advantage, as well as a member of the Board of Directors of Faith Partnerships; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Anthony L. Trufant and First Lady Muriel Lynette Goode Trufant, Esq. have been married for 25 wonderful years; they are the loving parents of two daughters, Sharise Emmanuelle and Toni Niara, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of their lives and rejoice in their achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention it is appropriate to publicly and jubilantly proclaim and commend them for the edification of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Reverend Anthony L. Trufant and First Lady Muriel Trufant, noting their unrelenting and compassionate faith and their exemplary service to God, man, and their community, and extending to them 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 Anthony L. Trufant and First Lady Muriel Trufant.