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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending The Reverend Dr. Curtis L. Whitney of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York, upon the occasion of celebrating his 31st Pastoral Anniversary

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 commend Dr. Curtis L. Whitney of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York, upon the occasion of his 31st Pastoral Anniversary, to be celebrated on Sunday, June 7, 2015; and

WHEREAS, A native of Ivor, Virginia, The Reverend Dr. Curtis L. Whitney proudly served his country as a member of the United States Armed Forces; he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology, and a Master of Divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary; in 1991, he obtained a Doctor of Ministry degree from Drew University; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, The Reverend Dr. Curtis L. Whitney answered the call to become Senior Pastor of the Mount Sinai Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, this esteemed man served as Pastor of the St. John Baptist Church, and in several positions of leadership in the community including Chairman of the Three Counties Action Program, and Secretary of the Nassau County Black Clergy Association; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Dr. Curtis L. Whitney 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, Dedicated to helping his community, The Reverend Dr. Curtis L. Whitney is the President of the Quincy Community Services Development Corporation, Co-Founder and President of the Association of Brooklyn Clergy for Community Development, Former President of Mt. Sinai Credit Union, a life member of NAACP, and a member of the Hampton University Ministers Conference; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he has served as President of the School of Religion for the Eastern Baptist Association, an Instructor at the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, and as Pastor and Founder of Brooklyn Congregations Together; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Dr. Curtis L. Whitney is responsible for many community outreach programs including Dial-A-Prayer, after school care, AAA, youth ministries, and weekly Bible Study and Prayer Services; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished man of God has always given enlightenment, guidance and wisdom to the many entrusted to his care and has administered abundantly and unstintingly to the spiritual and corporal needs of all; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Ruth, and their three children, Heide, Monique, and the late Keith, as well as three grandchildren, Janika, Matthew and Kennedy; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when religious leaders of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our atten-

tion, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend The Reverend Dr. Curtis L. Whitney of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church,

Brooklyn, New York, upon the occasion of his 31st Pastoral Anniversary;
and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Reverend Dr. Curtis L. Whitney.