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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 175th Anniversary of the First Presbyterian Church of Freeport, New York, to be celebrated on September 26, 2015

WHEREAS, Religious institutions, and the many spiritual, social and educational benefits they confer, play a vital role in the development of the moral fabric of a responsible citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of this State and this Nation to pay tribute to those institutions and individuals who have contributed to the ethical and spiritual values of their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes pleasure in commemorating the 175th Anniversary of the First Presbyterian Church of Freeport, New York, to be celebrated on Saturday, September 26, 2015, at the Freeport Yacht Club, Freeport, New York; and

WHEREAS, The First Presbyterian Church has faithfully served the community of Freeport since 1840; two decades later, it found its first permanent home on Church Street; and

WHEREAS, With the influx of numerous new congregants, the First Presbyterian Church was moved to its current location at 178 South Ocean Avenue in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Known as a very friendly organization, the First Presbyterian Church prides itself on its dedicated service to its community; throughout the years, members of the Church contribute to local food banks and cook meals for the Interfaith Nutrition Network, providing healthy, hot meals to people who are less fortunate; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, this vital religious institution collects coats, offers food vouchers, and prepares and distributes a large number of holiday food baskets to families in their neighborhood; the Church also donates gifts to young children whose parents are disabled or out of

work; and

WHEREAS, The First Presbyterian Church also gives Metro Cards to those individuals who are seeking employment or need transportation to a doctors appointment, and provides school supplies to students in local schools; and

WHEREAS, The members of the First Presbyterian Church reaches out to other communities, and helps wherever they see a need; they supplied housing, food, water, and other items during and after Hurricane Sandy; and

WHEREAS, The First Presbyterian Church stands on the threshold of tomorrow, prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades while retaining that spiritual resolve which characterizes its past; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of enduring religious institutions and to bring such institutions to the attention of the people of this Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 175th Anniversary of the First Presbyterian Church of Freeport, New York, fully confident that this commemoration reflects the belief in those values which enhance the dignity and purpose of life; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the First Presbyterian Church of Freeport, New York.