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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 90th Anniversary of Trinity Baptist Church of Brooklyn, New York

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 90th Anniversary of Trinity Baptist Church to be celebrated on Sunday, May 15, 2016, with the Concord Baptist Church of Christ in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, With a distinguished history going back many generations, Trinity Baptist Church has proudly served the spiritual needs of its community since it was formed from the merger of Sumner Avenue Baptist Church and Bedford Heights Baptist Church in April of 1922; and

WHEREAS, In October of 1922, Trinity Baptist Church held its first annual meeting, and a decision was made to purchase property on 179 New York Avenue; the cornerstone for this new edifice was officially laid on December 18, 1926, and the church was dedicated in 1927; and

WHEREAS, During the 1950s, this esteemed religious institution welcomed its first black members, and as the neighborhood's African American and Caribbean populations increased, so did the proportion of these ethnicities in the congregation; and

WHEREAS, Trinity Baptist Church named its first black Pastor in 1968, the Reverend Richard Boddie; he was succeeded by the Reverend Osborne E. Scott, who was appointed to the position in 1976, and served the congregation for nearly 30 years; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, Trinity Baptist Church appointed its current Pastor, the Reverend Dr. Glenmore Bembry Jr., who has continued to lead the church into a positive and focused direction towards the future; and

WHEREAS, Throughout Reverend Dr. Glenmore Bembry Jr.'s illustrious tenure, Trinity Baptist Church has experienced profound spiritual growth, with a focus on evangelism and discipleship; it has also added a diversified Music Ministry, Youth Ministry, Computer Learning Skills Ministry, Health Ministry, HIV-AIDS education and many other ministries for its community; and

WHEREAS, Today, Trinity Baptist Church's congregation is a cross section of all ages, ethnicities and cultural backgrounds, fostering a spirit of family stability, love and concern for one another; it is also a member of the American Baptist Churches of Metropolitan New York and Brooklyn Council of Churches; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of Reverend Dr. Glenmore Bembry Jr., Trinity Baptist 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 90th Anniversary of Trinity Baptist Church of Brooklyn, 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 Reverend Dr. Glenmore Bembry Jr., Trinity Baptist Church of Brooklyn, New York.