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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending The Reverend Dr. Eric Charles Mallette upon the occasion of his 20th Pastoral Anniversary to be celebrated on May 26, 2016

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 The Reverend Dr. Eric Charles Mallette upon the occasion of his 20th Pastoral Anniversary to be celebrated at a formal evening of elegance held in his honor on Thursday, May 26, 2016, at the Milleridge Inn, Jericho, New York; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Eric Charles Mallette 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, An amazing preacher and a loving friend, The Reverend Dr. Eric Charles Mallette has served as the co-Pastor and Pastor of The Greater Second Baptist Church in Freeport, New York, for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of the New York Theological Seminary Eastern Baptist School of Religion in Christian Ministry, The Reverend Dr. Eric Charles Mallette furthered his education by majoring in Psychology at Adelphi University; he later received his Honorary Doctorate of Divinity degree from the National Theological Seminary at the University of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, In 1989, The Reverend Dr. Eric Charles Mallette was ordained a preacher in the Gospel Ministry by his father, The Reverend Dr. E. Mitchell Mallette; and

WHEREAS, From 1989 through 1996, The Reverend Dr. Eric Charles Mallette held the position of Adjunct Pastor at The Greater Second Baptist Church; in 1996, he was elected co-Pastor with his father, a title he held for two years until his father passed away and he became the Church's fifth Pastor on June 26, 1998; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure as Pastor of The Greater Second Baptist Church, The Reverend Dr. Eric Charles Mallette has not only preached the Word of God, but has also served as Executive Assistant to the Town of Hempstead Town Board, and as Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Liberty Park Housing Authority; he is a vital contributor to the community and made history as being the first African American Chaplain in the Incorporated Village of Freeport Police and Fire Departments; and

WHEREAS, In addition, The Reverend Dr. Eric Charles Mallette currently serves on the Village of Freeport Police Block Grant Committee, Board of Ethics and as Vice Chairman of the Commission on Human Relations Committee; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Dr. Eric Charles Mallette is active in the Empire Missionary Baptist Convention, and serves as Vice President of Area No. 7 which includes Nassau and Suffolk Counties; he also held the position of President of the Young Minister's Division; and

WHEREAS, As a member of the Eastern Baptist Association of New York Inc., The Reverend Dr. Eric Charles Mallette formerly served as the Assistant Recording Secretary, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and

was formerly Vice Moderator for the Eastern Baptist Association, Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, On March 4, 2001, The Reverend Dr. Eric Charles Mallette was bestowed the title of Lifetime Pastor of The Greater Second Baptist Church by a unanimous vote of the entire membership; since that time, he has started several new ministries and fortified existing ones; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Dr. Eric Charles Mallette has tremendous love for his work and his commitment to the Lord is exemplified by his teachings and actions; he is a devoted, dedicated Pastor who loves his Church and congregation; 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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when a person of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention it is appropriate to publicly and jubilantly proclaim and commend that individual for the edification of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend The Reverend Dr. Eric Charles Mallette, noting his unremitting and compassionate faith and his exemplary service to God, man, and his community, and extending to him 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 The Reverend Dr. Eric Charles Mallette.