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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Bishop Eric Garnes upon the occasion of celebrating his Pastoral Anniversary on May 16, 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 practice 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 congratulate Bishop Eric Garnes upon the occasion of celebrating his Pastoral Anniversary on Monday, May 16, 2016, and for his many years of faithful service proclaiming God's mandate for His people; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Eric Garnes has ably led the community of the Tabernacle of Praise Cathedral for many years, and has served as a guiding light for its parishioners through his sermons and tutelage; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Bishop Eric Garnes, the Tabernacle of Praise Cathedral has grown spiritually and the members of the congregation have truly benefitted from his profound knowledge and wisdom; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Eric Garnes stands on the threshold of tomorrow, prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades while retaining that spiritual resolve which characterizes his past; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those religious leaders who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great

Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Bishop Eric Garnes upon the occasion of celebrating his Pastoral Anniversary on May 16, 2016, fully confident that this celebration 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 Bishop Eric Garnes.