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Assembly Resolution No. 255

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COMMEMORATING the 28th Anniversary of Calvary  
Tabernacle of Hempstead, New York, and paying  
tribute to Bishop Barrington Goldson for 28 years of  
faithful service

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 is justly proud to commemorate the  
28th Anniversary of Calvary Tabernacle of Hempstead, New York, and to  
pay tribute to Bishop Goldson for 28 years of faithful service; and

WHEREAS, On October 19, 1991, Calvary Tabernacle, a community of  
Christian believers, had their first service in the Golden Room at the  
Coliseum Motor Inn in East Meadow, New York; and

WHEREAS, Within a year, with only 13 members, Calvary Tabernacle  
purchased their first building at 78 North Franklin Street, Hempstead,  
New York; and

WHEREAS, Today, Calvary Tabernacle properties now include a Youth Center, A Kids Center, and a Worship Center; and

WHEREAS, Calvary Tabernacle, the center of Apostolic activity in Nassau County, has impacted the Hempstead community in several tangible and profound ways, such as providing counseling services, pioneering the establishment of the Academy Charter School, and hosting the Annual Convoy of Hope; and

WHEREAS, Through the Annual Tri-State Music event, Calvary Tabernacle has also provided financial educational scholarships to young aspiring musicians and singers, paving a path to perform with nationally recognized artistes and showcasing their skills and talents at a national level; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, Calvary Tabernacle preaches the gospel to the whole world beginning in Nassau County, compelling all to "Come to Calvary the Way to God"; and

WHEREAS, The character and richness of religious and community life in this noble Empire State are nourished and fulfilled through the faithful concern and selfless devotion of those who commit their energies and purpose to the ministry of others; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Barrington Goldson, a resident of Hempstead, has committed his life to serving and helping people, regardless of background and economic status, to achieve their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, Starting Calvary Tabernacle with his wife, Sis. Jo-Ann Goldson, Bishop Barrington Goldson sent a message of hope to the surrounding communities throughout the Hempstead area; and

WHEREAS, A life-long Evangelist, Sis. Jo-Ann Goldson has a passion and energy for life that is contagious; she began in her grandfather's ministry and now continues as a supportive wife and mother of two children; and

WHEREAS, Sis. Jo-Ann Goldson is an inspiration and mentor to women everywhere, committed to helping women, children and families discover their purpose and reach their highest potential in Christ; and

WHEREAS, Under the leadership of these two eminent Pastors, Calvary Tabernacle has expanded in every area and has become the largest, fastest growing and most diverse congregation in Hempstead today with over 500 parishioners attending weekly services; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Barrington and Sis. Jo-Ann Goldson, along with the entire Calvary Tabernacle family, are focused like never before on meeting the needs of the Hempstead community and providing ministries and services that impact every area of life; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious tenure, Bishop Barrington Goldson has enhanced the church's membership both spiritually and numerically; Calvary Tabernacle grew to include people of 23 different nationalities and diverse educational backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Calvary Tabernacle 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 28th Anniversary of Calvary Tabernacle of Hempstead, New York, and to pay tribute to Bishop Barrington Goldson for 28 years of faithful service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bishop Barrington and Sis. Jo-Ann Goldson, Calvary Tabernacle, Hempstead, New York.