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Senate Resolution No. 2353

BY: Senator MONTGOMERY

HONORING Reverend Dr. Johnny Ray Youngblood upon  
the occasion of his Consecration to the esteemed  
office of Bishop in the Union of Charismatic  
Orthodox Churches on January 19, 2020

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 honor The Reverend  
Dr. Johnny Ray Youngblood upon the occasion of his Consecration to the  
esteemed office of Bishop to be celebrated on Sunday, January 19, 2020,  
at the Pilgrim Renaissance Convention Center, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born in New Orleans, Louisiana, he graduated with a  
Bachelor of Arts degree from Dillard University, a Master of Divinity  
from Colgate Rochester Divinity School, and his Doctorate of Ministry  
from United Theological Seminary; this devoted man also received  
Honorary Doctorates from Dillard University, Boston University, and  
Virginia Seminary; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, Reverend Dr. Johnny Ray Youngblood was called to  
serve as Interim Pastor/Advisor of Mount Pisgah Baptist Church (MPBC);

his intention was to serve one year, however on February 28, 2002, he was voted as Pastor Elect and installed as full-time Pastor on May 26, 2002; and

WHEREAS, Under his leadership, attendance has more than tripled, and the involvement of members has proven to be encouraging in both the day to day and week to week ministries; and

WHEREAS, The MPBC has become the headquarters for the Project Safe Surrender, a social justice program that assists in the acceptance of a people; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his service with MPBC, Reverend Dr. Johnny Ray Youngblood retired after 35 years of distinguished service as Pastor of St. Paul Community Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, A consummate pastor, teacher, organizer, leader, artist and prophet, Reverend Dr. Johnny Ray Youngblood's work is widely recognized and, over the years, has earned him great respect and admiration from the members of his 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, Today, Reverend Dr. Johnny Ray Youngblood is the proud father of three sons, Johnny Jernell, Joel Ray, and Jason Royce, and the loving grandfather of six grandchildren, Donnalyn, Joshua, Jalen,

Jordyn, Jasmine and Nicholas, all of whom have shown him love and support, and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Johnny Ray Youngblood 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, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to reflect upon those outstanding individuals who have made everlasting contributions on behalf of their fellow man and have truly left their mark on this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor The Reverend Dr. Johnny Ray Youngblood upon the occasion of his Consecration to the esteemed office of Bishop; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Reverend Dr. Johnny Ray Youngblood.