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Senate Resolution No. 3099

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING The Reverend Clinton Miller upon the occasion of his 19th Pastoral Anniversary with Brown Memorial Baptist Church of Brooklyn, New York

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 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend The Reverend Clinton Miller upon the occasion of his 19th Pastoral Anniversary with Brown Memorial Baptist Church of Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born in Brooklyn, New York, Clinton Miller earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Southern Connecticut State University; he first felt the divine calling of the gospel ministry at the age of 19, but did not actively pursue the vocation of ministry

until he was a seminarian at Yale University; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduation from divinity school in 1994, Reverend Clinton Miller continued training for the ministry as an intern minister at Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem, New York, before becoming its youth minister; and

WHEREAS, In October of 2000, Reverend Clinton Miller was called to pastor Brown Memorial Baptist Church; since that time, he has applied the functions of traditional ministry to this community of believers; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, through preaching, counseling and visitation, this extraordinary man has set a tone that will allow Brown Memorial's vision to be realized; and

WHEREAS, Today, Reverend Clinton Miller continues to stabilize the ministry of Brown Memorial by demonstrating consistent Christian service, strong financial administration and sound preaching; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to the mission of his ministry at Brown Memorial Baptist Church, Reverend Clinton Miller introduces the Salvation of Jesus Christ to individuals through dynamic worship, relevant Christian education, responsible stewardship, inclusive fellowship and impacting evangelism; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of Reverend Clinton Miller, Brown Memorial Baptist Church has built a fellowship hall, renovated its sanctuary and started a community development corporation; perhaps most

importantly, it has placed a strong emphasis on ministry and service to the Brooklyn community and to New York City; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his devoted service to the church, Reverend Clinton Miller taught in the New York City Public School system for four years before entering full time ministry; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to his community, Reverend Clinton Miller has served on various boards including the Harlem YMCA and the Bedford Stuyvesant YMCA; he also served as Chaplain for the New York Liberty of the WNBA; and

WHEREAS, Ordained by the American Baptist Churches and the United Missionary Baptist Association of Greater New York, Reverend Clinton Miller builds his ministry around Christian concepts of fairness, justice and the development of genuine Christian community; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Clinton Miller 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, 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 custom 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 Clinton Miller upon the occasion of his 19th Pastoral Anniversary with Brown Memorial Baptist Church of Brooklyn, New York, noting his unrelenting 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 Reverend Clinton Miller.