

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Pastor Vincent Williams upon the occasion of his designation as 2013 Grand Marshall of the Rosedale Memorial Day Parade

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those distinguished citizens who devote their time and energies to the service of their community and profession, participating in civic affairs and enhancing the character and quality of life for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Pastor Vincent Williams upon the occasion of his designation as 2013 Grand Marshall of the Rosedale Memorial Day Parade; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated on Monday, May 27, 2013, at the Veterans' Memorial Monument on Francis Lewis Boulevard and Sunrise Highway in Rosedale, New York; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Vincent Williams has served as pastor of Parkway Baptist Church in Rosedale since 1986; and

WHEREAS, Born in Jamaica, West Indies, Pastor Vincent Williams developed an interest in serving others while in high school; after graduating from high school, he traveled to San Juan, Puerto Rico, where he attended Burean Bible School earning a degree in bible knowledge in 1966; and

WHEREAS, Upon returning to Jamaica after graduation from bible school, Vincent Williams was appointed Assistant Pastor of Faith Missionary Baptist Church in Kingston; in 1972, he was elevated to Pastor and dutifully served his parishioners and the community for the next twelve years; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, Pastor Vincent Williams immigrated to the United States with his wife and two daughters; he accepted preaching engagements at different churches until September 1986, when he was called to lead Parkway Baptist Church in Rosedale, New York; and

WHEREAS, During his time at the Parkway Baptist Church in Rosedale, New York, Pastor Vincent Williams has established and maintained a close and personal relationship with the community and his church family; and

WHEREAS, In addition to being the spiritual leader of the Parkway Baptist Church, Pastor Vincent Williams has strived to meet the physical needs of the Rosedale and entire southeastern Queens, New York community; and

WHEREAS, For years, Pastor Vincent Williams has operated a food pantry out of the Parkway Baptist Church; he still conducts annual health fairs for residents to learn about common health issues from medical professionals; in addition, the Vacation Bible School program at Parkway Baptist Church has helped mold children into productive adults; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Vincent Williams is one of the longest serving clergy members in Rosedale, New York; and

WHEREAS, In honor of Pastor Vincent Williams' significant contributions to Rosedale and the entire southeastern Queens, New York community, he has been selected as the Grand Marshall of the Rosedale Memorial Day Parade, to be held on Monday, May 27, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his pastoral and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Pastor Vincent Williams has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Pastor Vincent Williams has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their profession and community,

and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Pastor Vincent Williams upon the occasion of his designation as 2013 Grand Marshall of the Rosedale Memorial Day Parade; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Pastor Vincent Williams.