

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Lynbrook Baptist Church, to be celebrated in July of 2014

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 takes pleasure in commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Lynbrook Baptist Church, to be celebrated in July of 2014; and

WHEREAS, On November 24, 1913, a group of 16 Baptists met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Philips on Noble Street to discuss organizing a Baptist Church; on February 11, 1914, they held the first business meeting; and

WHEREAS, Four days later, Mechanics Hall on Atlantic Avenue was rented; Lynbrook Baptist Church scheduled its first service for March 1, 1914, but was canceled due to a snow storm; the first Sunday service was then held on March 29, 1914, followed by the first Sunday School held October 4th; and

WHEREAS, The church's present lot was given to the New York State Baptist Missionary Council by the estate of Margaret Fryer; the original building, first built in 1891 on 5th Street, Valley Stream, New York, behind Brooklyn Avenue School, was disassembled and reassembled in 1918; and

WHEREAS, On March 17, 1923, the church was incorporated as Lynbrook Baptist Church; in 1959, the present building was built; and

WHEREAS, The Charter members included: Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Bruce, W.A. Bruce Jr., Mrs. Isadore Dodds, Mrs. Clara Driscoll, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fowler, Florence Flower, Harold Flower, Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Gardiner, Miss C.E. Groth, Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Hanson, Mrs. G.E. Hayword, Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Helmes, Mrs. Lydia Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Lahman, Mrs. J.W. Lounsberry, Mrs. Anna E. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. George Morgan, Mrs. Emily Pray, Charles Pray, Prescott Pray, Mrs. Fredericka Rosche, Mr. and Mrs. R.V. Turner, and Mr. and Mrs. F.B. Wheldon; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Reverend Robert Walderman, Lynbrook Baptist Church 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 100th Anniversary of Lynbrook Baptist Church to be observed in July of 2014, fully confident that this commemoration 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 Reverend Robert Walderman, Lynbrook Baptist Church.