

**BY:** Senator BRESLIN

**HONORING** Pastor David Traynham upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region on April 20, 2017

**WHEREAS,** Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

**WHEREAS,** Pastor David Traynham has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Pastor David Traynham upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region, to be celebrated at its Annual Gala Celebration, Time, Tradition, Trinity, on Thursday, April 20, 2017, at the New York State Museum, Albany, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Pastor David Traynham has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

**WHEREAS,** A lifelong resident of Albany, New York, Pastor David Traynham established the New Horizons Christian Church in 1990, where he has tirelessly sought education and workforce development services for the parishioners of his congregation; and

**WHEREAS,** Pastor David Traynham was elected as the President of the Albany Chapter of the NAACP in 2017; he has also been involved with Trinity Alliance for many years, and sits on the Advisory Board of the Capital South Campus Center, as well as on the hiring panels of two anti-violence programs: Albany Cure Violence, and Leaders Leading Troy's Youth; and

**WHEREAS,** With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to the Albany community, Pastor David Traynham serves on the Albany Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Policy Making Team; in addition, he is the founder of the Albany Law Enforcement Reconciliation Team (ALERT), which was established to bridge the gap between community and law enforcement; and

**WHEREAS,** A true asset to his community, Pastor David Traynham serves as the Spiritual Care Advisor for Northern Rivers Family Services, and did Chaplaincy work for the New York Football Giants from 2001 to 2015; and

**WHEREAS,** This esteemed man is also a member of the Workforce Development Committee for Hudson Valley Community College, the Board of Directors for the Albany County Land Bank Corporation, the Network of

Local Churches, and the Albany African American Clergy United for Empowerment (TAAACUFE); and

**WHEREAS,** With him throughout have been his wife, Brenda, and their two children, Kantrell and Tyese, as well as three grandsons, Andre, Richard and Romario, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

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

**WHEREAS,** It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Pastor David Traynham, that future generations may know and appreciate his admirable character, his many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which he is held by his peers; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Pastor David Traynham upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region on April 20, 2017; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Pastor David Traynham.