

Senate Resolution No. 206

**BY:** Senator GRIFFO

**COMMENDING** Reverend Dr. George W. Clark upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition on December 10, 2016

**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 custom 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 commend Reverend Dr. George W. Clark upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition at a Community Appreciation Banquet to be held in his honor on December 10, 2016 at the Twin Ponds Golf and Country Club, New York Mills, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** A native of Syracuse, New York, George W. Clark was born to Elder John and Hazel Clark; after graduating high school in 1969, he worked for the Penn Central Railroad; he then was employed by CSX Transportation, a position from which he retired from in 2004; and

**WHEREAS,** After the completion of his Bachelor's Degree in Theology, Reverend Dr. George W. Clark was called into the ministry in 1978 with his Doctor of Divinity degree; for 28 years, he oversaw the spiritual direction of Peter Spencer UAME Church; and

**WHEREAS,** Reverend Dr. George W. Clark was also a pastor of Grace Union UAME in Rome, New York and a District Superintendent for the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th Episcopal Districts of the UAME Church which covers New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Rhode Island; and

**WHEREAS,** As Associate Minister at St. Matthew's Temple COGIC, Reverend Dr. George W. Clark is the Administrative Assistant to the Bishop, Superintendent and Pastor Reverend J. L. Griffin; and

**WHEREAS,** A traveling minister, Reverend Dr. George W. Clark is well-known throughout the local and far-reaching church community; he uses his musical talents to spread the words of God in song; and

**WHEREAS,** Currently, Reverend Dr. George W. Clark holds the position as the Chaplain of T Revels Funeral Services and works for the Resources Center for Independent Living (RCIL) in Utica and Rome; and

**WHEREAS,** With him throughout have been his wife of 17 years, Sister Pamela Clark, who feels privileged to be a part of his life and rejoices in his achievements; and

**WHEREAS,** Reverend Dr. George W. Clark has brought to his ministry an overwhelming spirit of charity and compassion, 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 sense 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 Reverend Dr. George W. Clark upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition, noting his unremitting 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 Dr. George W. Clark.