

Senate Resolution No. 29

BY: Senator MONTGOMERY

COMMENDING Reverend Dr. Robert M. Waterman upon the occasion of his 15th Pastoral Anniversary to be celebrated on February 10, 2017

WHEREAS, The character and richness of religious and community life in this noble Empire State are nourished and fulfilled through the faithful concern and selfless devotion of those who 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 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. Robert M. Waterman upon the occasion of his 15th Pastoral Anniversary to be celebrated at an Evening of Fellowship and Elegant Dining on Friday, February 10, 2017, at El Caribe Country Club, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born in Brooklyn, Robert M. Waterman was raised in Hemingway, South Carolina; after moving back to New York, he earned his undergraduate degrees in Social Science, Political Science and Communication from The City University of New York, Hunter College; and

WHEREAS, While enrolled in college, Robert M. Waterman held a full-time job as a Mechanical Engineer and remained in this position for over 20 years; this industrious and bright young man was named to the Dean's List and was the recipient of both the Belle Zeller Scholarship and New York University Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Robert M. Waterman furthered his education by obtaining his master's degree from New York Theological Seminary and a Doctoral Degree in Ministry from Drew University; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, Reverend Dr. Robert M. Waterman became the fifth pastor of Antioch Baptist Church, which was organized in 1918, by a group of Christian workers and dedicated leader and founder, Reverend Dr. Moses Prophet Paylor; and

WHEREAS, Today, under Reverend Dr. Robert M. Waterman's luminous leadership, the Antioch Baptist Church continues to build its congregation and the Bedford Stuyvesant community through revitalization, greater inclusiveness, and outreach ministry; and

WHEREAS, A dynamic and well-loved member of his community, Reverend Dr. Robert M. Waterman has served in numerous leadership positions with a variety of civic and cultural organizations including the NAACP, the Black Brooklyn Empowerment Convention, the African American Clergy and Elected Officials Organization of Brooklyn (AACEO), the Black Leadership

Commission on AIDS of New York City (BLCA), Watchful Eyes, and the Central Brooklyn Flu Steering Committee, as well as Community Board No.

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WHEREAS, In addition, Reverend Dr. Robert M. Waterman is a member of several academic organizations such as Phi Theta Kappa Society, International Scholastic Order and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Lola O. Waterman, Esq. and his daughter, Nia Sade, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Robert M. Waterman 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 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. Robert M. Waterman upon the occasion of his 15th Pastoral Anniversary, noting his unremitting and compassionate faith and his exemplary service to God, man, and his community, and extending to him heartfelt best wishes for a future of continued purposeful success and well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reverend Dr. Robert M. Waterman.