

BY: Senator HAMILTON

HONORING New Haven Seventh Day Adventist Church upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2018 Volunteer Group of the Year Award by the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation Brooklyn on April 20, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to call attention to the dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals from across the State of New York who volunteer their time and energies in service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor New Haven Seventh Day Adventist Church upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2018 Volunteer Group of the Year Award by the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation Brooklyn to be celebrated at its Annual Event in the Atrium on Friday, April 20, 2018; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion will also recognize National Volunteer Week, which was first designated by an Executive Order from President Richard Nixon in 1974; this week in April serves to encourage people to engage in their community through volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, Located at 634 Prospect Place, New Haven Seventh Day Adventist Church opened its doors to the residents of its neighborhood for the first time in 1980; today, approximately 300 faithful members attend services and receive prayers and guidance; and

WHEREAS, In 1995, individuals from New Haven Seventh Day Adventist Church began to volunteer at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation (CNR) Brooklyn; since then, church members have ministered to the residents through full services, bible study classes, and spiritual support; and

WHEREAS, In addition to its work with CNR, New Haven Seventh Day Adventist Church serves hot meals to the homeless and to the those with little income every Sunday between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.; the Church also donates bags filled with food to the hungry, and collects clothes and back-to-school supplies for people who are in need; and

WHEREAS, For over 20 years, the faithful congregants of New Haven Seventh Day Adventist Church have strived to minister to the home bound, encourage the down trodden, sad and lonely, and fill their hearts with joy; and

WHEREAS, Service to community and country is the foundation of our society, and the contributions and future efforts of those in service to them are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of our communities; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor New Haven Seventh Day Adventist Church upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2018 Volunteer Group of the Year Award by the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation Brooklyn; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Pastor D. Zabolotney and Sister Enniss, New Haven Seventh Day Adventist Church.