

BY: Senator MONTGOMERY

COMMENDING Bishop Eric R. Figueroa, Sr. D.D.S.
upon the occasion of his 35th Anniversary as Pastor
of New Life Tabernacle, Inc. on May 21, 2018

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 Bishop Eric R. Figueroa, Sr. D.D.S. upon the occasion of his 35th Anniversary as Pastor of New Life Tabernacle, Inc. to be celebrated at a Banquet Extraordinaire held in his honor on Monday, May 21, 2018, at Russo's On The Bay in Howard Beach, New York; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious event will also commemorate the 20th Anniversary of Pastor Eric R. Figueroa, Sr.'s consecration to the office of Bishop for New Life Tabernacle, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, A native of Brooklyn, New York, Bishop Eric Rinald Figueroa, Sr. holds doctorates in Divinity and Theology; in 1983, he founded New Life Tabernacle, Inc. a ministry which possesses a unique inclusionary character forging interdenominational relationships and eradicating spiritual stereotypes in an effort to advance the Kingdom of God; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous leadership of Bishop Eric R. Figueroa, Sr., New Life Tabernacle is a multi-purpose service center, spiritually nurturing the souls of mankind, as well as meeting their earthly needs; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, Bishop Eric R. Figueroa, Sr. founded the Family Life Development Center, Inc. a nonprofit community development agency designed to provide an array of services which will transform the lives of people as well as their neighborhood including food and clothing donations, drug rehabilitation, youth and family initiatives, mentoring programs, Life Skills Teaching curriculum, various counseling services, college preparatory classes, scholarship fund, and senior citizen programs; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Eric R. Figueroa, Sr. also established the New Life Covenant Fellowship, a cooperative and collaborative assembly of interdenominational pastors, churches and ministries; through his vision, this group strives to equip, enable and empower a new generation of leaders in pursuit of excellence in ministry; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Bishop Eric R. Figueroa, Sr. is a founding member of Brooklyn Congregations Together, which diligently works to bring together church pastors and their congregations in a collaborative effort to produce the best of community and church in the holistic needs of Brooklyn residents; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his preaching and teaching skills, Bishop Eric F. Figueroa, Sr. is an accomplished gospel singer; he and the New Life Tabernacle 100 Voice Mass Choir recorded a CD entitled **He's A Rock**; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Doreen Figueroa, their three children, Timiney Figueroa, Anaysha Figueroa-Cooper and Eric Figueroa, Jr., and their five grandchildren, Quincy, Miles, Ella, Christopher, and Eric, all of whom have shown him love and support and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Eric R. Figueroa, Sr. 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 Bishop Eric R. Figueroa, Sr. D.D.S. upon the occasion of his 35th Anniversary as Pastor of New Life Tabernacle, Inc., 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 Bishop Eric R. Figueroa, Sr. D.D.S.