

BY: Senator HAMILTON

COMMEMORATING the 27th Anniversary of the Emmanuel Baptist Church

WHEREAS, Religious institutions, and the many spiritual, social and educational benefits they confer, play a vital role in the development of the moral fabric of a responsible citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of this State and this Nation to pay tribute to those institutions and individuals who have contributed to the ethical and spiritual values of their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 27th Anniversary of the Emmanuel Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, In November of 1990, Reverend Anthony Lavay Trufant was appointed as Pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church; in this capacity, he has overseen its exponential growth in membership and programming and has raised its profile as one of the most innovative, effective "glocal" churches in the Metro New York area; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, Reverend Anthony Lavay Trufant 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, For 27 years, the Emmanuel Baptist Church has strived to Connect People to Jesus Christ by gathering to celebrate him daily and weekly; growing through both small group and study groups; giving money and minutes to church and community, local, national and global; and sharing the love of Jesus Christ, in word and deed with those within our ever-expanding circle of influence, family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers; and

WHEREAS, The Emmanuel Baptist Church stands on the threshold of tomorrow, prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades while retaining that spiritual resolve which characterizes its past; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of enduring religious institutions and to bring such institutions to the attention of the people of this Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 27th Anniversary of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, fully confident that this commemoration reflects the belief in those values which enhance the dignity and purpose of life; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Reverend Anthony Lavay Trufant, Emmanuel Baptist

Church.