

**BY:** Senator KAPLAN

**COMMEMORATING** the 93rd Anniversary of Emanuel Baptist Church of Elmont, New York

**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,** Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 93rd Anniversary of Emanuel Baptist Church of Elmont, New York, celebrated on Sunday, May 23, 2021; and

**WHEREAS,** Established in 1928, Emanuel Baptist Church of Elmont, New York, remains true to its mission to "Magnify Jesus The Christ" in its regular worship and fellowship, in the preaching and teaching of God's Word, in the making of disciples, and in the impacting and uplifting of its ever widening communities; and

**WHEREAS,** Since its inception, Emanuel Baptist Church has grown to encompass 16 ministries/auxiliaries, and 475 members; and

**WHEREAS,** Today, under the able leadership of Reverend Ralph P. Taylor, Emanuel Baptist Church stands on the threshold of tomorrow, prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades, while retaining that spiritual resolve which has so characterized its glorious 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 93rd Anniversary of Emanuel Baptist Church of Elmont, New York, 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 Reverend Ralph P. Taylor, Emanuel Baptist Church of Elmont, New York.