Senate Resolution No. 828

BY: Senator COMRIE

COMMENDING Reverend Dr. Frankco J. Harris upon the occasion of his 7th Pastoral Anniversary

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to bring full recognition and just tribute to those 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. Frankco J. Harris upon the occasion of his 7th Pastoral Anniversary to be honored at a Celebratory Banquet on Friday, April 25, 2025, at Antun's in Queens Village, New York; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Frankco J. Harris 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, Reverend Dr. Frankco J. Harris hails from the home of the Civil Rights Movement - Montgomery, Alabama; his father, Deacon and Missionary Eddie F. Harris, kept him highly involved in the church from an early age; and

WHEREAS, Earning a full music scholarship to Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University, Reverend Dr. Frankco J. Harris shined as a first tenor and lead soloist in the University Choir, and earned both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in music education; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Frankco J. Harris' singing soon became enriched with sermonic overtones, and he later enrolled in New York Theological Seminary and received a Master of Professional Studies (M.P.S.) in Urban Youth Ministry, a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) in Religious Studies, and completed his Doctor of Ministry (D. Min.) degree concentrating in Worship, Spirituality and Preaching at Drew University; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Frankco J. Harris is the recipient of various awards within the community including the NAACP Rev. J.B. Watts Distinguished Leadership Award, the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award and the Guy R. Brewer United Democratic Club Community Service Award for Outstanding Leadership; and

WHEREAS, For seven years, Reverend Dr. Frankco J. Harris has proudly served as the Pastor of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church of Hollis in Hollis Queens, New York, where his electrifying preaching and singing are a blessing, and further deepen his relationship with his faith; and

WHEREAS, Under Reverend Dr. Frankco J. Harris' leadership, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church of Hollis has grown spiritually and in membership,

with many revitalization projects completed and many more set to take place; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Frankco J. Harris promotes his non-profit organization, F.A.M.E. (Frankco's Academy for Music Education), where he serves as President and CEO in the endorsement of music education for inner city youth; and

WHEREAS, Married to Valerie Harris, a New York City teacher, Reverend Dr. Frankco J. Harris, along with his wife, have found a zeal for educating youth and helping them to explore their inherent talents; they are also the proud parents of a precious beloved son, Frankco, and adored daughter Janae; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished man of faith 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. Frankco J. Harris upon the occasion of his 7th Pastoral Anniversary, noting his unremitting and compassionate faith and his exemplary service to church, man, and his community, and extending to him the heartfelt best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reverend Dr. Frankco J. Harris.