

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Bishop Walter Dunlap upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Free Mission Temple, Inc.

WHEREAS, The character and richness of religious and community life in this noble Empire State is nourished and fulfilled through the faithful concern and selfless devotion of those who would commit their energies and purpose to the ministry of others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 honor Bishop Walter Dunlap upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Free Mission Temple, Inc., to be celebrated at its 35th Year Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, June 19, 2010, in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Walter Dunlap, a native of Pine Mountain, Georgia, was born the third child of five siblings to the late Walter Dunlap, Sr. and Carrie Dunlap; from a very young age of five years old there was an early calling on the life of Bishop Walter Dunlap; everyone knew he was destined for greatness; and

WHEREAS, Walter Dunlap's early years were spent with his spiritual Mohawk Indian grandmother Sarah Mullins; she was a great spiritual influence in his life; as a boy, she showed him a vision that his appointed work and mission was in the North; and

WHEREAS, Walter Dunlap, being obedient to the divine Holy Spirit, moved to New York City in 1953; by the early 1960s he was ordained a minister by Bishop Patchen, and later by Bishop Jones of Jones Temple; in 1970, he was further elevated and ordained into Bishopric office by Bishop Johnson and Bishop McNeil of Holy Cross Remnant Church of Jesus; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Dunlap is an outstanding Rabbi, Preacher Teacher and Spiritual Leader, confidant and friend of all; he began Free Mission Action Movement Church Inc. with prayer and healing services in 1975; he would preach on the streets of New York City, from door to door and from house to house; and

WHEREAS, In the first service, a miracle happened to a little girl who was deaf and dumb; after Bishop Dunlap prayed for her, she was soon able to hear and speak; the good news of this miracle spread throughout the country and Free Mission Church grew in membership; and

WHEREAS, The first Church building was located at 498 Georgia Avenue, Brooklyn, New York; in 1979, this ever growing Church body took a colossal step with the purchase and renovation of the building at 931 Sutter Avenue in Brooklyn, the site where the Church currently stands; and

WHEREAS, As the Church membership grew, so did the services; Free Mission Action Movement Church Inc. took pride in becoming a community one stop multi-service center for all in need; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, Bishop Walter Dunlap was admitted by the Rabbinical Board of Rabbis; he was honored and ordained "Rabbi Ezekiel Benzion", and sat on the panel of 13 with the Honorable Rabbi Baruch, the son of Rabbi Baba Sali of Morocco, along with 11 other distinguished and influential Rabbis; and

WHEREAS, In the year 2000, Bishop Dunlap received from his Holiness Pope John Paul II, a Proclamation Scroll declaring his divine protection and guidance for Bishop Walter Dunlap and the Free Mission Church; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Dunlap is married to First Lady Iola Dunlap; they are blessed with five children, Anthony, Debra, Enid, Audrey and Walter Jr., along with three grandsons, Anthony Jr., Nicolas, and Christopher, and

one granddaughter, Kayla; 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 Walter Dunlap upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Free Mission Temple, Inc., noting his unremitting and compassionate faith and his exemplary service to God, 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 Bishop Walter Dunlap.