

BY: Senator KRUEGER

COMMEMORATING the 250th Anniversary of The Brick Presbyterian Church in the City of 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, This Legislative Body takes pleasure in commemorating the 250th Anniversary of The Brick Presbyterian Church in the City of New York, to be celebrated with a Service of Worship on Sunday, March 12, 2017, and an Anniversary Banquet on Thursday, May 4, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its storied history, The Brick Presbyterian Church in the City of New York has been committed to a mission of worship, fellowship, ministry and education; and

WHEREAS, The Brick Presbyterian Church has been in continuous operation since 1767, except for the years of the Revolutionary War, when it was commandeered by the British forces for use as a hospital and later as a brig; and

WHEREAS, The Church was an expansion of the flourishing First Presbyterian Church at Wall Street, which had become so crowded that it was plain a second church was necessary; its pastors, headed by the Reverend Dr. John Rodgers, and its officers administered both churches; The Brick Presbyterian Church did not become a separate and incorporated entity until 1809; and

WHEREAS, After relocating three times, The Brick Presbyterian Church is currently situated at Park Avenue and 91st Street; through the years, the Church has been blessed with numerous gifted and distinguished pastors; today, The Reverend Michael L. Lindvall leads the Church, conducting his administrative and spiritual duties, while always displaying the highest standards of personal and professional integrity and dedication; and

WHEREAS, The Brick Presbyterian Church in the City of New York 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 250th Anniversary of the Brick Presbyterian Church in the City of New York, 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 Brick Presbyterian Church in the City of New York.