

**BY:** Senator MONTGOMERY

**HONORING** The Reverend Trevor Hyde, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Ecumenical Leadership Award by the Community Council for Medgar Evers College, Inc. on April 27, 2019

**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 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,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor The Reverend Trevor Hyde, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Ecumenical Leadership Award by the Community Council for Medgar Evers College, Inc. to be celebrated at its Annual Spring Scholarship and Leadership Awards Luncheon on Saturday, April 27, 2019; and

**WHEREAS,** In the late 1960s, a diverse group of residents, clergy and elected officials formed the Community Council to provide access to a quality college education for students living in central Brooklyn; and

**WHEREAS,** Medgar Evers College was established in 1970, by the Community Council, along with New York City University in honor of Civil Rights leader Medgar W. Evers, who recruited black residents to register and vote; and

**WHEREAS,** Trevor Hyde, Jr. earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration from Metropolitan College of New York and Master of Divinity degree from New York Theological Seminary; and

**WHEREAS,** Currently, Reverend Trevor A. Hyde, Jr. is the Pastor of the historic Berean Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York; in this capacity, he serves as an administrator, teacher, preacher and business manager who strategically plans and executes a path to successful ministry in the 21st Century; and

**WHEREAS,** Reverend Trevor A. Hyde, Jr. also oversees various church operations such as supervision of staff, management of all ministry servant leaders, planning all special worship services and programs, oversight of the church's operational budget, management of IT services and community engagement; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition, Reverend Trevor A. Hyde, Jr. serves as a liaison between the Church and its subsidiaries including Berea Credit

Union, Berean Community & Family Life Center, Berean Gardens Senior Housing and Berean Housing Development Fund Corporation; and

**WHEREAS,** Under his luminous leadership, the Berean Baptist Church has revitalized its Christian Education Ministry, implemented new worship services to meet the needs of its congregation, held a Women's Season kick-off celebration to create a platform for millennial preachers to share their gifts, and developed the Arts on a Mission ministry; and

**WHEREAS,** Prior to his transition to full-time ministry, Reverend Trevor A. Hyde, Jr. worked in the banking industry for 15 years; throughout his tenure, he diligently worked to bring quality financial literacy programs back to his community; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2016, Reverend Trevor A. Hyde, Jr. initiated a partnership with the neighborhood elementary school to teach children the basics of financial literacy, and in 2017, he launched "Financial Grub and Grow" a quarterly financial literacy initiative for church members teaching them principles of budgeting, investing, saving, and estate planning; this year, he launched the Dfree Initiative as part of the Christian education course, Faith and Finance; and

**WHEREAS,** Reverend Trevor A. Hyde, Jr. is also active in Lott Carey Missions, having just completed a missions trip to Jamaica, and is a participant in the American Baptist Home Missions Society, Community of Practice Networks Initiative; and

**WHEREAS,** A truly charismatic man, Reverend Trevor A. Hyde, Jr. has preached at Rikers Island Correctional facility for two years, and was awarded a scholarship to participate in the Academy of Preachers 2019 in Atlanta, Georgia; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition to his various church ministries, Reverend Trevor A. Hyde, Jr. serves on the Board of Directors of the Berean Housing, Berean Community and Family Life Center, and Young Harlem, Inc.; he was recently appointed to the Advisory Board of Gold Coast Bank, and serves as a program consultant for Life Support Inc.; and

**WHEREAS,** With him throughout have been his wife, Aleshia, and their two children, Mykah and Amaya, all of whom have shown him love and support and rejoice in his many achievements; and

**WHEREAS,** This distinguished man of God 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 honor The Reverend Trevor Hyde, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation

as recipient of the Ecumenical Leadership Award by the Community Council for Medgar Evers College, Inc. on April 27, 2019; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Reverend Trevor Hyde, Jr.