

BY: Senator GAUGHRAN

HONORING Reverend Jim Phegley upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 34 years of distinguished service to Glen Cove Christian Church

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 unrelenting 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 Reverend Jim Phegley upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 34 years of distinguished service to Glen Cove Christian Church, to be celebrated with a party in his honor on Sunday, July 7, 2019, at The View Grill in Glen Cove, New York; and

WHEREAS, After serving as a missionary in Costa Rica, Reverend Jim Phegley came to Glen Cove to start one of the first Spanish-speaking congregations, La Iglesia Cristiana; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Jim Phegley became the Pastor and Senior Minister of Glen Cove Christian Church in 1987, during which time the church had 32 members; under his able leadership, the congregation has grown to a membership of more than 200; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to the Glen Cove community, Reverend Jim Phegley was the first President of the North Shore Sheltering Program where he served on the Board for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he was the first Team Leader of the ACT Team at the Melillo Center for Mental Health and the Board Chairman of La Fuerza Unida for many years; and

WHEREAS, Jim Phegley proudly served his country as a member of the United States Navy from 1971 to 1975, where he met and married his wife, Sarah Ann; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service, Jim Phegley moved back to his hometown of Flint, Michigan, during which time he received his degree as a registered nurse from Mott Community College; he went on to earn a Bachelor's degree in Ministry and Nursing from Johnson University in Knoxville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, While serving as Senior Minister to Glen Cove Christian Church, Reverend Jim Phegley obtained a Master of Arts degree in

Cross-Cultural Communication from Hope International University; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his wife, with him throughout have been his two children and five grandchildren, who have all 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 custom 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 Reverend Jim Phegley upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 34 years of distinguished service to Glen Cove Christian Church; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reverend Jim Phegley.