BY: Senator COMRIE

COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of the Queens Baptist Church

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 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 100th Anniversary of the Queens Baptist Church to be celebrated on Saturday, October 29, 2022; and

WHEREAS, The Queens Baptist Church 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, The walls of the Church have never been exclusionary, always inviting in and standing up for marginalized communities and those experiencing hardships; and

WHEREAS, With a true giving spirit and sense of responsibility for the well-being of those in their own community, members of the Queens Baptist Church and the Church Board host Thanksgiving dinners for the homeless, deliver food to shelters, provide a food pantry, and even used the Church as a vaccine site during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Every fourth Sunday in the month is Youth Sunday, where youth parishioners are entrusted to lead services of praise and worship, allowing for the ultimate growth of these young individuals who will become the leaders of the future; 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 100th Anniversary of the Queens Baptist Church to be celebrated on October 29, 2022, 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 Queens Baptist Church.