

**BY:** Senator MAYER

**COMMEMORATING** the 171st Anniversary of the First Baptist Church of Bronxville, 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,** Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 171st Anniversary of the First Baptist Church of Bronxville, New York, to be celebrated on Sunday, March 30, 2025; and

**WHEREAS,** The First Baptist Church of Bronxville, New York, has been a beacon of faith, hope, and service since its founding in 1854, standing as a welcoming house of worship that embraces individuals from diverse cultural and racial backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS,** The First Baptist Church has been steadfast in its commitment to spiritual growth, community service, and the teachings of Jesus Christ, demonstrating unwavering dedication to uplifting individuals and families; and

**WHEREAS,** Guided by this year's powerful theme, "Thrive in 25", and inspired by Joshua 1:9, the First Baptist Church continues to stand firm in faith, courage, and service; and

**WHEREAS,** With a deep commitment to reaching all people, fostering fellowship, and glorifying God, the First Baptist Church remains a pillar of hope and transformation in the community; as we celebrate this historic anniversary, we honor its rich legacy, unwavering mission, and the countless lives touched by its ministry; and

**WHEREAS,** Today, under the luminous direction of Reverend Lamont S. Granby, the First Baptist Church of Bronxville stands on the threshold of tomorrow, prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades, while retaining that spiritual resolve which has so characterized its glorious 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 171st Anniversary of the First Baptist Church of Bronxville, New York, 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 Reverend Lamont S. Granby, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bronxville, New York.