Assembly Resolution No. 340

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COMMEMORATING the 10th Anniversary of Come as You Are Ministries on April 17, 2025

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 10th Anniversary of Come as You Are Ministries on Thursday, April 17, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Come as You Are Ministries was established on April 17, 2015, under the direction of Pastor Debra Gallimore; with approximately 50 members, this small church is a force within its community; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Debra Gallimore and her love for the community, with the help of Come as You Are Ministries' members and her Deacon Leon Magett, continues to change the lives of many people living with less hope through her experiences and inspiring faithful messaging and committed advocacy for others; and

WHEREAS, A respected and educated leader, Pastor Debra Gallimore's education in the fields of philosophy and religious studies lend unique perspectives, interpretations, and understanding of the faith which she preaches passionately; she plans to continue her ongoing education to obtain a Doctor of Theology degree in 2025; and

WHEREAS, With a true giving spirit and sense of responsibility for the well-being of those in their own community, in its first five years, Come As You Are Ministries set up and hosted various programs and community groups such as bible study, Sunday school, men's and women's groups, Christian counseling, annual revival, monthly birthday celebrations, Black History Month and cultural awareness events, as well as created The Fasulo Scholarship Award; and

WHEREAS, Come As You Are Ministries also participates in charitable causes, including school supply and Toys for Tots drives, as well as participates in food for harvest; and

WHEREAS, In a true act of resilience during the COVID-19 pandemic, Come As You Are Ministries remained committed to its purpose with Pastor Debra Gallimore doing house visits to minister directly to parishioners at a time when the church's doors could not be opened to the public; and

WHEREAS, Today, Come As You Are Ministries stands on the threshold of tomorrow, prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades while

retaining a 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 10th Anniversary of Come as You Are Ministries on April 17, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Come As You Are Ministries.