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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Community Unitarian Church at White Plains of White Plains, New York, to be celebrated on April 26, 2009

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 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 Community Unitarian Church at White Plains of White Plains, New York, to be celebrated on April 26, 2009; and

WHEREAS, In April 1909, a group of people were "freely united" in religious faith in White Plains to form the Community Unitarian Church at White Plains; today, 100 years later, the church remains firm in its belief that the first concern of religion is human welfare, in body, mind and spirit; and

WHEREAS, The Community Unitarian Church at White Plains will proudly and joyously celebrate the centennial of the congregation with a special Anniversary Worship Service followed by a Reception and Brunch on Sunday, April 26, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Celebrating 100 Years of Community, The Reverend Lisa Ward will speak on Moments with the Community; The Reverend Victoria Safford will deliver the Centenary Sermon and there will be music from the church choir as well as a specially commissioned piece by Religious Education alumnus Eric Nathan; and

WHEREAS, The Community Unitarian Church at White Plains 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, 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 Community Unitarian Church at White Plains of White Plains, New York, to be observed on April 26, 2009, 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 Community Unitarian Church at White Plains, 468 Rosedale Avenue, White Plains, New York 10605.