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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the Centennial Anniversary of the Alplaus United Methodist Church in Alplaus, New York, to be celebrated throughout September and October, 2013

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals that are devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is also the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality of life of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly enriched by its exceptional religious and faith based institutions; these institutions give positive definition to the profile and disposition of the communities of the State of New York and profoundly strengthen our society with their commitment; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the Centennial Anniversary of the Alplaus United Methodist Church in Alplaus, New York; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated throughout September and October, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The Alplaus United Methodist Church in Alplaus, New York, is a landmark in the hamlet of the Town of Glenville; and

WHEREAS, Opening in October of 1913, the United Methodist Church was founded by a small group of Alplaus residents and Pastor G.H.C. Bain, who initially organized the Alplaus Union Methodist Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, Several driven individuals of the congregation, armed with picks, shovels and a pair of horses, excavated land given by Mr. and Mrs. Winterton J. Day for the purposes of constructing the church and

the foundation, later named Fellowship Hall; and

WHEREAS, When the church first opened, Sunday School and Church Services were held in the same area at different hours; the church assisted in giving space to "The Ladies' Aid Society" which would later become the "Women's Society for Christian Service," serving now as the "United Methodist Women," a group traveling from church to church, performing annual plays; and

WHEREAS, In an effort to grow unity within the church and the community, a monthly family night program was developed which encompassed dinners, talent shows, plays and musical concerts; and

WHEREAS, With these traditions, along with developing programs with the Youth Group, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and the United Methodist Women, Alplaus United Methodist Church continues to be an important part of the community; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the many parishioners who have lived and worshiped at the Alplaus United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body that when an organization of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention, it should be recognized and applauded by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the Centennial Anniversary of the Alplaus United Methodist Church in Alplaus, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Pastor Carl Shephard, the members of the Centennial Committee, and the parishioners of the Alplaus United Methodist Church.