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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 150th Anniversary of Ulster Heights United Methodist Church of Ellenville, 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, This Legislative Body takes pleasure in commemorating the 150th Anniversary of Ulster Heights United Methodist Church of Ellenville, New York; and

WHEREAS, To commemorate this momentous occasion, a Heritage Day was held at the church on Saturday, September 14, 2013, as well as a worship service by Bishop Martin D. McLee and former pastors of Ulster Heights United Methodist Church, on Saturday, October 5, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The small white building that has been home to the Ulster Heights United Methodist Church for 150 years has served generations of families as a source of spiritual and community unity, and has hosted hundreds of baptisms, weddings, communions, and words of countless sermons; and

WHEREAS, Ulster Heights United Methodist 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, 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 150th Anniversary of Ulster Heights United Methodist

Church, 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 Ulster Heights United Methodist Church, Ellenville, New York.