

## 2013-J3791

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 85th Anniversary of the Greater Springfield Community Church of Queens, 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 85th Anniversary of the Greater Springfield Community Church of Queens, New York; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1929, Greater Springfield Community Church stands as a beacon of light in the borough of Queens, New York; its leadership provides a holistic approach to attaining full spirituality through the development of faith, civic consciousness and strong moral character; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Philip Craig was elected Pastor and Administrator of the Greater Springfield Community Church on October 30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Reverend Philip Craig, Greater Springfield Community Church saw a large increase in membership, and a major physical renovation; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, in 2012, new ministries were birthed, new ministers ordained, and the infrastructure of new leadership began to take form; and

WHEREAS, After school programs, motivational workshops, and support of onsite community organizations resulted in the Unity in the Community movement throughout New York City, as well as tremendous growth of the Greater Springfield Community Church; and

WHEREAS, Greater Springfield Community 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 85th Anniversary of the Greater Springfield Community Church of Queens, New York, 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 Reverend Philip Craig, Greater Springfield Community Church, Queens, New York.