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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 300th Anniversary of White Plains Presbyterian Church, White Plains, New York, to be celebrated on May 18, 2014

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 300th Anniversary of White Plains Presbyterian Church, White Plains, New York; this remarkable milestone will be celebrated on Sunday, May 18, 2014, with a special worship service and a ground breaking ceremony for a new community garden; and

WHEREAS, The theme of this anniversary year is "Faith in the City" for, in observing its 300th Anniversary, White Plains Presbyterian Church not only celebrates the longevity of its congregation, it also affirms its enduring commitment to the people of White Plains; and

WHEREAS, White Plains Presbyterian Church is justly proud of its partnerships with community organizations in the City of White Plains, working together for the common good; the capstone of its Anniversary celebration is the founding, on its property, of a community garden, Groundswell, as a sign of its faith in those enduring relationships, and in what they can accomplish together to ensure a sustainable and just future for all; and

WHEREAS, White Plains Presbyterian 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 300th Anniversary of White Plains Presbyterian 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 White Plains Presbyterian Church, White Plains, New York.