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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending The Reverend Philip S. Windsor upon the occasion of his retirement after 14 years of faithful service to Auburn Westminster Presbyterian Church and its parishioners

WHEREAS, The character and richness of religious and community life in this noble Empire State is nourished and fulfilled through the faithful concern and selfless devotion of those who would commit their energies and purpose to the ministry of others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to bring full recognition and just tribute to those individuals who distinguish themselves and the ministry through their unremitting commitment and preeminence of service; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend The Reverend Philip S. Windsor upon the occasion of his retirement after 14 years of faithful service to Auburn Westminster Presbyterian Church and its parishioners; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Philip S. Windsor will be honored at a dinner on Friday, May 23, 2014; he will preach his last sermon at Auburn Westminster Presbyterian Church on Sunday, May 25, 2014, before officially retiring on Saturday, May 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, A native of Long Island, Philip S. Windsor graduated in 1967 from John Brown University with a Bachelor of Arts degree, before receiving his Master of Divinity degree from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary in 1970; and

WHEREAS, He was ordained as a Presbyterian pastor on November 29, 1970; for the past 44 years, Reverend Philip S. Windsor has served churches in Milroy, Indiana, Middletown, Iowa, and Cedar Rapids, Iowa before relocating to Auburn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Philip S. Windsor began work at Auburn Westminster

Presbyterian Church on April 1, 2000; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his pastoral responsibilities, Reverend Philip S. Windsor served on the YMCA board, and remains active on the YMCA Camp Committee; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man was the recipient of the Cayuga County NAACP Millennium Award in 2008, and has also been active on the Adams Piano Series Committee and the Early Childhood Committee (ABC); furthermore, he was instrumental in restarting the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service after 9/11 and has helped promote interfaith activities in the community; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Philip S. Windsor's legacy at Auburn Westminster Presbyterian Church includes providing a welcoming church with progressive theology and traditional worship, advancing a Christian hospitality to people of all sexual orientations, and making Westminster a community center for downtown Auburn; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Diane, and their three children, David, Faith and Elizabeth, as well as six grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, In retirement, Reverend Philip S. Windsor will enjoy sailing, kayaking, tennis, racquetball, reading, woodworking, hiking, history, and traveling; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Philip S. Windsor has brought to his ministry an overwhelming spirit of charity and compassion, acting from vision and enlightenment in conducting his administrative and spiritual duties, while always displaying the highest standards of personal and professional integrity and dedication; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished man of God has always given enlightenment, guidance and wisdom to the many entrusted to his care and has administered abundantly and unstintingly to the spiritual and corporal needs of all; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when a person of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention it is appropriate to publicly and jubilantly proclaim and commend that individual for the edification of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend The Reverend Philip S. Windsor upon the occasion of his retirement after 14 years of faithful service to Auburn Westminster Presbyterian Church and its parishioners, noting his unremitting and compassionate faith and his exemplary service to God, man, and his community, and extending to him the heartfelt best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reverend Philip S. Windsor.