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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 190th Anniversary of St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Middletown, 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 190th Anniversary of St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Middletown, New York, to be celebrated with a weekend of special events and services on May 16-18, 2014; and

WHEREAS, St. Paul's United Methodist Church began its ministry in 1824, when a small group of people came together to worship as Methodists in the community of Middletown, New York; at the time, Middletown was just a small hamlet of 30 houses and would not be incorporated for another 64 years; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed place of worship grew rapidly through a series of revivals and outreach; in 1871, church members built the current sanctuary building on 58 West Main Street with a nearly 400 seat capacity; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its history, St. Paul's United Methodist Church has continually been at the center of community life, providing ministries which have been an integral part of the growth of Middletown; and

WHEREAS, Today, St. Paul's United Methodist Church remains true to its tradition of service, hosting a food pantry and warming station for the homeless during the coldest months of the year; and

WHEREAS, St. Paul's 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 190th Anniversary of St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Middletown, New York, to be observed on May 18, 2014, 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 St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Middletown, New York.