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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending The Reverend Dr. Edward B. Smart upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Green Tech High Charter School

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend The Reverend Dr. Edward B. Smart upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Green Tech High Charter School; he will be honored at its First Annual Green Tech High Honors the Community Banquet on Friday, June 13, 2014, at UAlbany, SUNY, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Edward B. Smart has been Pastor at Israel AME Church in Albany, New York, since November 2004; this distinguished man of God has dedicated himself to, and led his congregation in, serving the spiritual, intellectual, and physical health needs of at-risk youth in the City of Albany; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Edward B. Smart spearheaded the acquisition of a former YMCA building in Albany, converting it into the GWU (God With Us) Center; GWU provides a central location for creative programming that speaks to the youth of Albany, promoting the values of community, positive self-concept, family, friendship, brotherhood, work and a strong work ethic, health, a winning creative attitude, willingness to change, and excellence, empowering these young people to strive towards goals they once thought out of reach; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Edward B. Smart has been called upon to contrib-

ute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, He is the Chairman of the Gun Violence Implementation Team and served as the Vice Chair of the Gun Violence Task Force in the City of Albany; he also serves as the Chairman of the Citizen Police Review Board, and was appointed to the Municipal Water Finance Committee where he serves as Vice Chairman; Reverend Dr. Edward B. Smart has been recognized widely for his work with homeless children and families in the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Reverend Dr. Edward B. Smart has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Reverend Dr. Edward B. Smart has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend The Reverend Dr. Edward B. Smart upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Green Tech High Charter School; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Reverend Dr. Edward B. Smart.