

## 2013-K1294

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Larchmont Avenue Church

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and pay tribute to those sacred institutions whose historic significance has contributed to the culture and traditions of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Larchmont Avenue Church; and

WHEREAS, This momentous occasion will commence with Welcoming Festivities on Saturday, June 7, 2014, and will conclude with a Centennial Sunday Celebration of a Pentecost Worship proceeding to a Catered Luncheon, on Sunday, June 8, 2014, at the Larchmont Avenue Church, Larchmont, New York; and

WHEREAS, On May 17, 1914, 40 people met at the Larchmont home of Emily Lindsley, daughter of a Presbyterian minister, to form the congregation which would become the Larchmont Avenue Church (LAC); they were united by faith in their desire to establish a church in the Reformed tradition in Larchmont; and

WHEREAS, Within a few months, these founding members of the LAC had formed a Sunday School and formally organized under the Presbytery of Westchester; services were held in artist Helena Flint's studio carriage house, but the rapidly growing congregation needed a permanent home; and

WHEREAS, Subsequently, land was purchased at the corner of Larchmont and Forest Park Avenues, and by December of 1915, the basement church, now the Carhart Room, was completed and Reverend Charles Carhart became LAC's first pastor; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Larchmont Avenue Church is a community church of 772 members, and is richly blessed with talented people who serve on the

Session, Trustees and Board of Deacons; diverse religious traditions in the local community and among church members provide opportunities for interfaith dialogue, in which LAC plays a leading role; and

WHEREAS, The Church's thriving Sunday School of 163 students currently has nine classes and 30 volunteer teachers; lively middle school and senior high programs focus on fellowship, fun, working together, and growing in faith; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Reverend Dr. William P. Crawford, LAC is deeply committed to serving those in need; building long-time partnerships with CAP Center in Mamaroneck, HOPE Community Kitchen in New Rochelle, Midnight Run and many others, LAC is known for its service to the community it so ably serves; and

WHEREAS, A vibrant, engaged compassionate and welcoming church, LAC also hosts annual mission trips to Nicaragua, the Dominican Republic, and this Centennial year, to the Arizona/Mexico border as part of its Ministry Abroad program; and

WHEREAS, The Larchmont Avenue 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 100th Anniversary of the Larchmont Avenue Church; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reverend Dr. William P. Crawford, Larchmont Avenue Church, Larchmont, New York.