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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Reverend Dr. Paul S. Hicks of New Hope Baptist Church upon the occasion of celebrating his 25th Pastoral Anniversary

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 Reverend Dr. Paul S. Hicks of New Hope Baptist Church, upon the occasion of celebrating his 25th Pastoral Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Paul S. Hicks has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of City College of New York, this esteemed man received a Master of Arts in Divinity from New Brunswick Theological Seminary and a Doctorate of Ministry Degree in 1999 from New York Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Ordained in 1987, Reverend Dr. Paul S. Hicks was called to be pastor at the New Hope Baptist Church in 1989, where he has served the spiritual needs of the church community for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Paul S. Hicks has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Committed to helping his fellow man, Reverend Dr. Paul S. Hicks was involved in missions of service to such countries as Russia, Haiti, Cuba, and has actively worked in the Prison Ministry at Green State Prison, Riker's Island Correctional Facility, and Arthur Kill Correctional Facility; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Reverend Hicks has taught for many years at the Eastern Baptist Association and participates at the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office, as well as with many other civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Debra Hicks, their two children, Shauna Hicks and Jamie Hicks, and one grandchild, Brielle Lester, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Reverend Dr. Paul S. Hicks has displayed throughout his life; 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 Reverend Dr. Paul S. Hicks of New Hope Baptist Church, upon the occasion of celebrating his 25th Pastoral Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reverend Dr. Paul S. Hicks.