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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Reverend Craig B. Gaddy Sr. upon the occasion of his 15th Anniversary as Pastor of Friendship Baptist Church to be celebrated on September 26, 2014

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 Reverend Craig B. Gaddy Sr. upon the occasion of his 15th Anniversary as Pastor of Friendship Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Gaddy along with the entire Friendship Baptist Church community will celebrate this most auspicious occasion at "A Black Tie Affair" to be held on Friday, September 26, 2014, at Russo's on the Bay, Howard Beach, New York; and

WHEREAS, A native of Bedford Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, Reverend Gaddy serves as the Senior Pastor of the Friendship Baptist Church of Brooklyn; in his 15 years as pastor, he has gained the respect and love of his neighbors, community activists, political leaders and business owners; he stands as a representative of the religious community that continues to challenge the racial, social, and economic injustices of our day and continues to serve the greater interest of the people and the community; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Gaddy takes great pride in the growing ministries of empowerment, and self-improvement in which Friendship Baptist Church has

to offer; the community based programs include: GED training, computer literacy, ESL (English as a Second Language), computerized bookkeeping, a Welfare to Work incentive, the Boy Scouts Pack-092, the Girl Scouts Troop-2032, the Phoenix House Rehabilitation program and a recruiting site for the College of New Rochelle including four city-wide campuses; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Gaddy has also had the opportunity to serve on Community Board 3, the Executive Board of the NAACP, the Advisory Boards of the Bedford Stuyvesant Legal Services, the State University of New York (BEOC), the Paul Robeson Theater, the Neighborhood Advisory Board, the Community Action Board of Bedford Stuyvesant, the Board of Managers and Advisory Board of the Eastern Baptist Association, and the Assistant Chaplain for the New York City Police Department and the New York City Transit Authority; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his children, Nyesha Joi, Craig Jr. and Briana, as well as his grandchildren, Syon and Sevi, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Gaddy 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 Reverend Craig B. Gaddy Sr. upon the occasion of his 15th Anniversary as Pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, 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 Craig B. Gaddy Sr., Pastor, Friendship Baptist Church.