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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 145th Anniversary of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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 Nation to pay tribute to those institutions and individuals who have contributed to the ethical and spiritual values of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 145th Anniversary of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church; and

WHEREAS, This momentous occasion was celebrated with a Worship Service on Sunday, August 17, 2014, followed by a brunch in the church's parish hall; the Reverend Donald Beck, former Pastor of St. Paul's, was the guest preacher, and presiding over the worship was the Reverend Phyllis S. Haynes; and

WHEREAS, While the origins of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church date back to 1858, it wasn't until 1868 that 25 people organized a congregation and called their first resident pastor; during this time, Lutheran worship services were held in the Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, After the congregation voted to incorporate on August 17, 1869, its members eagerly began work on their own church building and just over four months later, it was completed and dedicated; and

WHEREAS, Located on Erie Avenue in Narrowsburg, New York, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church has been under the luminous direction of the Reverend Phyllis S. Haynes since 1995; and

WHEREAS, At present, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church stands

humbly, prayerfully, meditatively and joyfully; and

WHEREAS, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran 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 145th Anniversary of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reverend Phyllis S. Haynes, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Narrowsburg, New York.