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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 90th Anniversary of St. John's Baptist Church of West Hempstead, New York, to be celebrated on April 30, 2015

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

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes pleasure in commemorating the 90th Anniversary of St. John's Baptist Church of West Hempstead, New York, to be celebrated with a banquet on Thursday, April 30, 2015, at Verdi's in Westbury, New York; and

WHEREAS, Ninety years ago, a group of dedicated individuals desired to have their own neighborhood place of worship and subsequently, St. John's Baptist Church was created; and

WHEREAS, Today, St. John's Baptist Church is under the luminous direction of its Pastor, Reverend Dr. William E. Thomas; Reverend Hazel G. Thomas serves as Administrative Pastor and Sister Wannita Holwyn is the President of Church Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, St. John's Baptist Church, a beacon in the community of Lakeview and its surrounding communities, 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 90th Anniversary of St. John's Baptist Church of West Hempstead, New York, to be observed on April 30, 2015, fully confident that this commemoration reflects the belief in those values which enhance the dignity and purpose of life; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to St. John's Baptist Church of West Hempstead, New York.