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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 38th Anniversary of Freedom Baptist Church of Auburn, New York

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 38th Anniversary of Freedom Baptist Church of Auburn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1977, Freedom Baptist Church was founded through the First Bible Baptist Church of Greece, New York, as religious community dedicated to fellowship, and spiritual growth; and

WHEREAS, Many of Freedom Baptist Church's members have been present since its founding; and

WHEREAS, During its illustrious history, this esteemed religious congregation has been led by four inspirational pastors, including founding Pastor Charles Perkins, Pastor Samuel Gipp, Pastor William Gent, and current Pastor, David Dunbar who has faithfully served the church community since 1991; and

WHEREAS, Today, Freedom Baptist Church offers a wide variety of services for its congregation including Sunday School for all ages, Junior Church, Master Clubs for Children, and a Teen Program, as well as Nursing Home and Video ministries; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Freedom Baptist Church regularly supports 22 missionaries across the world in such places as Africa, Germany, Canada, Belarus, Ireland, Brazil, Romania, Poland, and the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, Active in promoting moral values, the members of Freedom

Baptist Church are concerned with issues of society and government, and regularly meet with political leaders on issues of concern; and WHEREAS, As Freedom Baptist Church has grown and expanded throughout the past 38 years, it seeks to continue to spread its spiritual message to the community; and

WHEREAS, Under the illustrious guidance of Pastor David Dunbar, Freedom Baptist 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 38th Anniversary of Freedom Baptist Church of Auburn, New York, 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 Pastor David Dunbar, Freedom Baptist Church.