

## 2015-J2804

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 75th Anniversary of Calvary Baptist Church of Akron, New York, May 15-17, 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 75th Anniversary of Calvary Baptist Church of Akron, New York, celebrated May 15-17, 2015; this auspicious occasion was celebrated with a series of events including, a musical concert, homecoming picnic, and a Sunday morning worship service recounting the history and heritage of the congregation; and

WHEREAS, Established in January of 1940, Calvary Baptist Church was founded by a group of believers and their pastor who wished to form their own religious community dedicated to fellowship, service, and spiritual growth; and

WHEREAS, For approximately 60 years, the members of Calvary Baptist Church worshipped in a building located on John Street in the center of the Village of Akron, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, this esteemed religious congregation completed construction of new church facilities on six acres of property on Lewis Road; seven years later, the complex was expanded to include a family life/gym addition; and

WHEREAS, Calvary Baptist Church regularly offers special events and outreach programs to the community such as VBS, Veterans Day/Memorial Day services, and the annual December Living Nativity presentations in

Russell Park; and

WHEREAS, During its illustrious history, Calvary Baptist Church has been led by many inspirational pastors, including founding Pastor, Reverend Frederick Robinson, Reverend David Dyke, Reverend Alan Swaim, Reverend Charles Lunsford, Reverend Glenn Seaver, Reverend LaVerne Rowling, Reverend Richard Kester, Reverend Albert Damon, Reverend David Ervine, and Reverend Ron Houseman; and

WHEREAS, Today, under the able leadership of incoming Pastor, Reverend Frank Snyder, along with his wife Karen, Calvary 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 75th Anniversary of Calvary Baptist Church of Akron, New York, May 15-17, 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 incoming Reverend Frank Snyder, Calvary Baptist Church.