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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Reverend Debra Jameson upon the occasion of her retirement after 16 years of distinguished service to Focus Churches of Albany on December 9, 2015

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Reverend Debra Jameson upon the occasion of her retirement after 16 years of distinguished service to Focus Churches of Albany, celebrated at its Annual Holiday Open House on Wednesday, December 9, 2015, at the Albany Pump Station, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Since 1982, Reverend Debra Jameson has served as an ordained Minister in the Reformed Church of America; throughout the years, she held the position of Parish Pastor in Shokan, Mt. Tremper and Staten Island, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, Reverend Debra Jameson came to Albany, New York, to work as both the Development Coordinator and Faith Community Liaison for the Hunger Action Network of New York State; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Reverend Debra Jameson was able to use her passion for advocacy and her experience of working with faith based communities to make a difference in local neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Debra Jameson joined Focus Churches of Albany in 1999, holding the position of Focus Community Minister; she then served as Director of Community Ministry, the position from which she retired in December of 2015; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her tenure, Reverend Debra Jameson has taken advantage of the opportunity she has been given by combining charity

with justice; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Debra Jameson will truly be missed by the Focus staff, Board of Directors and other people in the community who have been touched by her generosity and passion; and

WHEREAS, In her capacity as Director of Community Ministry, Reverend Debra Jameson served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, In her official acts, Reverend Debra Jameson was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Reverend Debra Jameson upon the occasion of her retirement after 16 years of distinguished service to Focus Churches of Albany; and to wish her continued success in all her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reverend Debra Jameson.