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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 90th Anniversary of The Lutheran Church of Our Savior on January 3, 2016

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 90th Anniversary of The Lutheran Church of Our Savior on Sunday, January 3, 2016; and

WHEREAS, In 1925, a survey conducted by the Pastoral Conference of Buffalo, with the view of locating a mission in their midst, found the Cold Spring section of Buffalo offered a wonderful mission opportunity and petitioned the Board for Black Missions to station a worker in Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, The first worship service and Sunday school class were held on the evening of Sunday, January 3, 1926, at a residence at 1424 Jefferson Avenue in Buffalo; 12 people assembled for this first service, and eight children were enrolled in the Sunday school; and

WHEREAS, On September 4, 1927, eight members of the congregation were received by the rite of confirmation, and it was at this service that the name "The Lutheran Church of Our Savior" was adopted; and

WHEREAS, Four years later, on October 31, 1931, the property located at 94-96 Northland Avenue was purchased and on November 29, 1931, the cornerstone was laid at 96 Northland Avenue; and

WHEREAS, The present House of Worship at 26 Brunswick Boulevard was

purchased in June of 1960 from Trinity Old Lutheran Church congregation;
two separate Lutheran congregations have, in turn, continuously and
successively occupied this church building for 93 years; and

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church of Our Savior is the only African-American Missouri Synod church in the historic Hamlin Park District of Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, After nine decades of steadfast and unwavering dedication to its community, The Lutheran Church of Our Savior continues to stand humbly, prayerfully, meditatively and joyfully; and

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church of Our Savior 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 The Lutheran Church of Our Savior on January 3, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Buffalo, New York.