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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Reverend Dr. James A. Thornton upon the occasion of his 10th Pastoral Anniversary at Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York, on April 30, 2016

WHEREAS, The character and richness of religious and community life in this noble Empire State is nourished and fulfilled through the faithful concern and selfless devotion of those who would commit their energies and purpose to the ministry of others; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to bring full recognition and just tribute to those individuals who distinguish themselves and the ministry through their unremitting commitment and preeminence of service; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Reverend Dr. James A. Thornton upon the occasion of his 10th Pastoral Anniversary at Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York, to be celebrated on Saturday, April 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Under Reverend James A. Thornton's luminous leadership, the Salem Missionary Baptist Church sponsors numerous ministries which reach out to meet the needs of its community including health and counseling, athletic programs for various age groups, Boy Scouts, and book, food and clothing drives, as well as many other services which seek to enhance the quality of life of the residents of Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Reverend James A. Thornton has brought to his ministry an overwhelming spirit of charity and compassion, acting from vision and enlightenment in conducting his administrative and spiritual duties, while always displaying the highest standards of personal and professional integrity and dedication; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished man of God has always given enlightenment, guidance and wisdom to the many entrusted to his care and has adminis-

tered abundantly and unstintingly to the spiritual and corporal needs of all; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when a person of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention it is appropriate to publicly and jubilantly proclaim and commend that individual for the edification of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Reverend Dr. James A. Thornton upon the occasion of his 10th Pastoral Anniversary at Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York, noting his unremitting and compassionate faith and his exemplary service to God, man, and his community, and extending to him the heartfelt best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reverend Dr. James A. Thornton.