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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the new Sanctuary and Parish Hall of St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church in Brooklyn, 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 25th Anniversary of the new Sanctuary and Parish Hall of St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1906, St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church has been a cornerstone in its Brooklyn community for over a Century with a potpourri of nationalities making up its vibrant parish; and

WHEREAS, From its humble beginnings in a basement church seating only 200 people, the new Sanctuary and Parish Hall which was built in 1991, facilitates a beautiful and vivid worship of faith, welcoming more members of its community; and

WHEREAS, St. Gabriel's Episcopal 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 25th Anniversary of the new Sanctuary and Parish Hall of St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church in Brooklyn, 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 St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church in Brooklyn, New York.