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Senate Resolution No. 4660

BY: Senator BRESLIN

CELEBRATING the 15th Pastoral Anniversary of The Reverend Dr. Damone Paul Johnson and First Lady Angela Johnson

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 sense 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 celebrate the 15th Pastoral Anniversary of The Reverend Dr. Damone Paul Johnson and First Lady Angela Johnson; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Damone Paul Johnson has served as Senior Pastor at Metropolitan New Testament Mission Baptist Church in Albany, New York, for 15 years; and

WHEREAS, Under his able leadership, Metropolitan New Testament Mission Baptist Church has reached more than 2,000 members; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Damone Paul Johnson ordained one and licensed seven ministers into the Gospel Ministry, and was instrumental in construction of a state-of-the-art worship facility, as well as the acquisition of multiple properties and land parcels in the Arbor Hill Community; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he established the Metropolitan Community Group, Inc., the Light and Life Discipleship Institute and Youth Church; he also expanded the Foreign Mission Outreach; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Damone Paul Johnson conferred the Doctorate in Ministry degree from Christian Theological Seminary and received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from St. Thomas Christian College; and

WHEREAS, In addition to authoring the book and study guide, A Life Worth Rebuilding, Dr. Damone Paul Johnson was a contributing writer in the "Athens and Oxford Sermons" at Oxford University in London, England, as well as in Teacher's Guides published by the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. Sunday School Publishing Board; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Damone Paul Johnson 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, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, Dr. Damone Paul Johnson currently serves as Vice President-at-Large of the Empire Baptist Missionary Convention of New York, Inc., Congress of Christian Education; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished man of God has always given enlightenment, guidance and wisdom to the many entrusted to his care and has administered 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 celebrate the 15th Pastoral Anniversary of The Reverend Dr. Damone Paul Johnson and First Lady Angela Johnson, noting their unremitting and compassionate faith and their exemplary service to God, man, and their community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Reverend Dr. Damone Paul Johnson and First Lady Angela Johnson.