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Senate Resolution No. 4926

BY: Senator MONTGOMERY

COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of Antioch Baptist Church of Brooklyn, New York on August 12, 2018

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Antioch Baptist Church of Brooklyn, New York, to be celebrated with a Worship Service on Sunday, August 12, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Antioch Baptist Church has enjoyed a rich history of enriching lives spiritually, while fighting for civil rights and social justice throughout the Church's existence; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Dr. Robert M. Waterman continues that legacy by advocating his ministry of "Restoring Life by Destroying the Barriers,"

speaking of those barriers that separate Christians and the community from each other; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, this extraordinary man leads his congregation through teaching and preaching, in worship, bible study, and biblical instructions during Sunday school and outreach ministry; and

WHEREAS, Under Pastor Dr. Robert M. Waterman's luminous direction, Antioch Baptist 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 100th Anniversary of Antioch Baptist Church of Brooklyn, New York on August 12, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Pastor Dr. Robert M. Waterman, Antioch Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York.