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Senate Resolution No. 5237

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING Vanderveer Park United Methodist Church upon the occasion of hosting its Seniors Luncheon on June 3, 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 commend Vanderveer Park United Methodist Church upon the occasion of hosting its Seniors Luncheon on Sunday, June 3, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Located in Brooklyn, New York, Vanderveer Park United Methodist 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, Vanderveer Park United Methodist Church has not only survived, but thrived, due to the great contributions of its senior

citizens, who are truly the history of the church; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Pastor Kirk D. Lyons, Vanderveer Park United Methodist 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 commend Vanderveer Park United Methodist Church upon the occasion of hosting its Seniors Luncheon on June 3, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Pastor Kirk D. Lyons, Vanderveer Park United Methodist Church, Brooklyn, New York.