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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the Seventh Anniversary of Full Gospel Assembly of Queens Church

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 Seventh Anniversary of Full Gospel Assembly of Queens Church, to be celebrated on Saturday, February 9, 2013; and WHEREAS, The Full Gospel Assembly of Queens Church was founded on February 5, 2006, by its Senior Pastor Michael Bacchus, and is the sister organization of Full Gospel Assembly of Brooklyn with a 34-year history of community service; and

WHEREAS, The Full Gospel Assembly of Queens Church held its first service at Occasions Banquet Hall, Springfield Gardens; since that time, attendance has increased and it has purchased its own church building in Richmond Hill, Queens; and

WHEREAS, The Full Gospel Assembly of Queens Church instituted several community programs and services, including: food, educational supplies and clothing distribution, social services and various referral systems; its goal is to add additional programs and services in the near future including: a college scholarship program, senior center, educational services, ESL Training, professional skills development and a community counseling center; and

WHEREAS, Full Gospel Assembly of Queens 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 Seventh Anniversary of Full Gospel Assembly of Queens Church, to be observed on Saturday, February 9, 2013, 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 Full Gospel Assembly of Queens Church.