

# STATE OF NEW YORK

## LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., JULY 18, 2013, A.D.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT** *at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 18th day of July, 2013 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

**WHEREAS, Bishop Tommy Reid, Senior Pastor of The Tabernacle in Orchard Park, is celebrating his 50<sup>th</sup> year of ministry; and**

**WHEREAS, Bishop Tommy Reid knew of his calling in 1962 while ministering in Korea with his father. It was to return to his childhood home in Buffalo to serve; and**

**WHEREAS, Bishop Tommy Reid began with a small group of parishioners which grew to thousands, resulting in additional churches being built, outreach programs initiated - such as food pantries & community service projects, missions efforts and hundreds of networking ministries and churches around the world; and**

**WHEREAS, Bishop Tommy Reid has started and is involved in countless church programs and organizations; and**

**WHEREAS, Bishop Tommy Reid serves on the Board of Directors of Church Growth International; and**

**WHEREAS, Bishop Tommy Reid is one of the founding trustees for Charismatic Bible Ministries, under the leadership of Oral Roberts; and**

**WHEREAS, Bishop Tommy Reid was founder and president of Buffalo School of the Bible, which has now merged with Elim Bible Institute where he continues to serve on the board; and**

**WHEREAS, Bishop Tommy Reid is loved and honored by his parishioners and by many around the world who he has touched. He has helped feed the poor and cloth and shelter the homeless.**

***It is said that few have given themselves across denominational, racial and other barriers – as the man that God has blessed them with at The Tabernacle.***

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to honor, congratulate and thank Bishop Tommy Reid for his 50 years of selfless service to God, his church, his community and the world.**

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**John J. Mills**  
**Erie County Legislator – 11<sup>th</sup> District**

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**Robert M. Graber**  
**Clerk of the Legislature of Erie County**