

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 19, 2015 A.D.

Honoring Clifford Bell for Over 60 Years of Public Service

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that at the regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the Legislative Chambers of Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 17th day of September, 2015 A.D., a proclamation was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, Clifford Bell is a native of Buffalo, New York, born on November 28, 1929; and has been married to his wife, the former Helaine Tucker, for sixty years, and is the father of Denise and Clifford Jr.; grandfather of Justin, Janee' and Clifford III; and great-grandfather of Jayla, Justin Jr., Ryleigh and Reagan; and

WHEREAS, Clifford Bell is affectionately known as Brother Bell by the community who knows him as a former Council Member, businessman, poet, philosopher and man of God; and

WHEREAS, Brother Bell expresses and demonstrates a deep faith in God and has served The Lutheran Church of Our Savior in various capacities for over sixty years, as well as being a guest speaker and master of ceremonies for hundreds of affairs; and

WHEREAS, Brother Bell has been the recipient of over one hundred awards during his sixty years of service including the New York State Governor's Martin Luther King Senior's Award, the NAACP Medgar Evers Award and the Urban League Evans-Young Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bell's community involvement includes twelve years as a member of the Buffalo Common Council, where he chaired the Economic Development Committee, and his role as a senior counselor at the Small Business Development Center at SUNY Buffalo State, as well as chairing the Martin Luther King celebration for thirty years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature pause in its deliberations to recognize, congratulate, and honor Clifford Bell for sixty years of service to the Buffalo community and The Lutheran Church of our Savior.

Hon. Barbara Miller-Williams
Erie County Legislator, 1st District

Hon. Betty Jean Grant
Democratic Leader,
Erie County Legislator, 2nd District