

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, N.Y., SEPTEMBER 11, 2015 A.D.

The Late Rev. Dr. Kenneth Roland Wilkerson, "The Man and His Dream,"
On the Joyous Occasion of the Burning of the Church Mortgage

WHEREAS, the First Timothy Missionary Baptist Church is located at 1463 Genesee Street in the City of Buffalo, and was founded by the late Rev. Dr. Kenneth Roland Wilkerson in 1958; and

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, on August 3, 2014, removed from our midst Rev. Kenneth R. Wilkerson, in whose death we have lost a sincere and loyal friend, as well as a valued and respected citizen, and whose family has lost a kind and devoted member; and

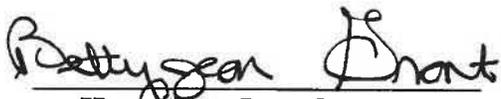
WHEREAS, having learned the value of an education from his mother, Rev. Wilkerson earned his Bachelor's Degree from the University at Buffalo and a Theology Degree from Ohio Christian College in Columbus, as well as a Degree in Pastoral Theology from Andersonville Baptist Seminary in Georgia; and

WHEREAS, in 1958, after becoming an ordained minister, the Rev. Kenneth R. Wilkerson organized the First Timothy Missionary Baptist Church, with the help of his wife Sister Jean A. Wilkerson. The church rented space on Howard Street and then on Sycamore Street until 1976, when the church was blessed to be able to purchase property on Genesee Street, and then ultimately build a new church edifice; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Wilkerson's dream of a house of worship free of all encumbrances where the people can worship God unencumbered has come to fruition on this joyous occasion of the burning of the Church mortgage and it is truly fitting to celebrate Rev. Wilkerson's fulfilled dream tonight at this celebration and banquet.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature pause in its deliberations to Honor the life of Rev. Dr. Kenneth Roland Wilkerson and congratulate the congregation of The First Timothy Missionary Baptist Church as they celebrate the historic milestone of the burning of the church mortgage.


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


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