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STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

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Congratulating Reverend William A. Bunton Jr. on His Retirement

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 1th day of October, 2015, a proclamation was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, Reverend William A. Bunton Jr. and his wife, Mrs. Wanda Bunton, have four sons, three of which have followed in his steps to become ministers, one daughter and a son-in-law whom are both ministers of Embrace Ministries in Atlanta, GA., where their four sons are also participating in ministry; and

WHEREAS, a native of Little Rock, Arkansas, Reverend William A. Bunton Jr.'s ministerial career began at True Light Baptist Church in Wichita, Kansas, and he later answered the call to become the Pastor of Antioch Baptist Church in Buffalo in October, 1976; and

WHEREAS, while serving as the spiritual leader of Antioch Baptist Church, Pastor William Bunton Jr. took on various leadership roles in the community and is the recipient of many community service awards for his works; and

WHEREAS, while Reverend William A. Bunton Jr. is a member of the National Baptist Congress and Christian Education, and also served as Vice President of the Great Lakes Baptist Association; and

WHEREAS, some of Pastor William A. Bunton Jr.'s many accomplishments are the establishment of the food pantry to help feed the community, the implementation of the church bus and van service for members, as well as the organization of ministries such as Substance Abuse Anonymous, Family Forum Workshops, and Vacation Bible School.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature pause in its deliberations to recognize and honor Reverend William A. Bunton Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement after serving the congregation at Antioch Baptist Church, and the community at large, for thirty-eight years.

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

Karen M. McCarthy
Clerk of the Erie County Legislature