

**A Proclamation Submitted By
Legislator Miller-Williams**

**Re: Celebrating Apostle Robert L. Sanders, Sr. on his 75th
Birthday**

WHEREAS, Apostle Robert. L. Sanders, Sr., a devoted man of God who loves the Lord, was born in South Carolina and will celebrate his 75th Birthday on September 10, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Apostle Robert L. Sanders, Sr. is a United States Army veteran, business leader, author and philanthropist, he has served tirelessly as Presiding Bishop of Greater Refuge Temple of Christ, Inc. for 43 years. He has also served as the Presiding Apostle of the Churches of our Lord Jesus Christ, Inc., for the past 3 years, truly living the spirit of Matthew 6:1 (NKJV) “Do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them”; and

WHEREAS, Apostle Robert L. Sanders, Sr. is a man of vision, he led the Greater Refuge Temple of Christ, Inc. in innovative programs and community development ventures that enhanced the quality of life for residents of the Fruit Belt and Cold Spring neighborhoods which led to his selection to be a recipient of a Presidential Award and Honor from President Barak Obama; and

WHEREAS, Apostle Robert L. Sanders, Sr. is married to Janice Sanders and has 3 sons Robert, Mark & Timothy, 3 daughter-in-laws Anitris, Danielle & April, and 8 grandchildren Robert III, Kala, Deja, Mark, Dominique, Zoe, Timothy & Jadan, he is a proud Father figure to many children who have grown up in the Greater Refuge family; and

WHEREAS, Apostle Robert L. Sanders, Sr.’s motto is “Pursue Excellence until Excellence is Achieved”, he has a heart of gold, is very compassionate and has helped residents across Erie County in his quest to make sure that his church makes a difference and that God’s word goes forth through the airways by radio, TV and the internet, truly living

in the spirit of Philippians 3:12 (NKJV) “I PRESS ON, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me”; and

WHEREAS, Apostle Robert L. Sanders, Sr. believes that God’s purpose is the key to our fulfillment and that we must live to fulfill our God given purpose, he enjoys the tranquility of yard work to bring him peace as he fulfills his purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize and congratulate Apostle Robert L. Sanders, Sr. on the occasion of his seventy fifth birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the membership of the Erie County Legislature wishes Apostle Sanders the best in health, happiness and God’s speed in all his future endeavors for many years to come.