Farmingville, NY - On October 26, Supervisor Ed Romaine (right) presented a proclamation to Bishop Ralph L. Jefferson (left) during his 50th Pastoral Appreciation Celebration. Bishop Jefferson, who was born in Southampton, joined the United States Marine Corps after high school and served his country overseas in the Korean War. He was wounded in action and earned nine ribbons, two Battle Stars, a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star. In July 1964, Bishop Jefferson started his church in a 12 seat taxi stand and later established churches in Port Jefferson, Selden, Centereach and Bellport.