

# Supervisor Romaine Honors Bishop Ralph L. Jefferson During 80th Birthday Celebration

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*Supervisor Ed Romaine (left) presents Bishop Ralph L. Jefferson (right) with a proclamation in honor of his 80th birthday.*

**Farmingville, NY** - On Sunday, December 9, Supervisor Ed Romaine joined family members and friends of Bishop Ralph L. Jefferson to celebrate his 80th birthday at Bellport Methodist Church. 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.

"Bishop Jefferson has been a spiritual leader in the Brookhaven community for nearly 50 years and I am proud to call him a friend," said Supervisor Romaine. "It's an honor to be a part of this very special birthday celebration for a man who does so much to make our community a better place to live."

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