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## Lt. Governor Guadagno Attends First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens Service

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Celebrates the 25th Anniversary of Pastor DeForest Soaries' Dedicated Pastoral Service

**Trenton, NJ** – On Sunday, Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno attended the 25th Anniversary Service of Pastor DeForest "Buster" Soaries at the First Baptist Church in Somerset, New Jersey. The Lt. Governor joined the congregation in praising Pastor Soaries for his long record of selfless and dedicated pastoral services to his community.

"Thank you for your leadership and your willingness to work for positive change here in First Baptist Church and throughout the State," said Lt. Governor Guadagno. "As we saw on Friday with the terrorist attacks in Paris, it is more important than ever that we come together to fight the evil in the world. While we celebrate the Reverend's 25th anniversary, I cannot help but add that we, together as a state, country, and civilized world, have much work left to do."

Pastor Soaries is the Senior Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens, in Somerset, New Jersey. His ministry has focused on key missions to enhance the community, including spiritual growth, educational excellence, and economic empowerment. Pastor Soaries is the author of "dfree@: Breaking Free from Financial Slavery", a book which reflects his goal of freeing his entire congregation of debt. Aside from being an influential man of faith and an author, Pastor Soaries also served as New Jersey's 30th Secretary of State.

"He has made First Baptist proud and also renowned, locally, nationally and internationally," said Deacon Mason Powell, Chair of the First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens Deacon Board.

First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens was founded in 1937 as a predominantly African-American place of worship. The Church was a leader during the civil rights movement of the 1960s and continues to be a faith-based community development movement.

For more information on the First Baptist Church and Pastor Soaries, see: <http://www.fbc Somerset.com/index.php>

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