

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Bishop Robert J. Coyle upon the occasion of his ordination as an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, on April 25, 2013

WHEREAS, The character and richness of religious and community life in this noble Empire State is nourished and fulfilled through the faithful concern and selfless devotion of those who would commit their energies and purpose to the ministry of others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to bring full recognition and just tribute to those individuals who distinguish themselves and the ministry through their unremitting commitment and preeminence of service; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Bishop Robert J. Coyle upon the occasion of his ordination as an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese for the Military Services; this august occasion took place in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, on April 25, 2013; and

WHEREAS, As one of four auxiliaries, Bishop Robert J. Coyle will serve the Archdiocese for the Military Services as Episcopal Vicar for the Eastern Half of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Archdiocese for the Military Services provides the full range of pastoral ministries and spiritual services to Catholics in the United States Armed Forces, serving more than 220 installations in 29 countries, patients in 153 Veterans Administration Medical Centers, and federal employees serving outside the boundaries of the United States in 134 countries; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Robert J. Coyle was born in Brooklyn in 1964, to Robert and Kathryn Coyle; and

WHEREAS, The product of a life-long Catholic education, he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Fordham University in 1986, a Master of Divinity degree in 1991 and a Master of Arts degree in Theology in 1998 from Immaculate Conception Seminary; he was ordained to the priesthood in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Robert J. Coyle was commissioned an ensign in the United States Navy on June 3, 1988 where he served with honor and distinction for 24.5 years on Active and Reserve Duty, before his retirement from the Naval Reserve on January 1, 2013, with the rank of Commander; and

WHEREAS, A decorated Navy chaplain, Bishop Robert J. Coyle was a command chaplain aboard the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, an aircraft carrier based out of Norfolk, Virginia; he also served on the USS Harry Truman on deployment to the Persian Gulf, as well as command chaplain at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy; and

WHEREAS, While assigned to the USS Eisenhower, Bishop Robert J. Coyle was named a chaplain of honor with the title of Monsignor by Pope Benedict XVI in 2008 in recognition of his outstanding service caring for the spiritual needs of Catholics and others of all faiths in the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, In August of 2009, Bishop Robert J. Coyle began his ministry as Pastor of Corpus Christi Parish in Mineola, New York, serving his diverse community of parishioners with zeal and vigor until his ordination; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Robert J. Coyle has brought to his ministry a profound spirit of charity and compassion, acting from vision and enlightenment in conducting his administrative and spiritual duties, while always displaying the highest standards of personal and professional integrity and dedication; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished man of God has always given enlightenment,

guidance and wisdom to the many entrusted to his care and has administered abundantly and unstintingly to the spiritual and corporal needs of all; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when a person of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention it is appropriate to publicly and jubilantly proclaim and commend that individual for the edification of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Bishop Robert J. Coyle upon the occasion of his ordination as an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, noting his unrelenting and compassionate faith and his exemplary service to God, humanity, and his community, and extending to him the heartfelt best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bishop Robert J. Coyle.