

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending The Reverend John P. Fahey, Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service as Pastor of St. James United Methodist Church, Lynbrook, New York

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 commend The Reverend John P. Fahey, Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service as Pastor of St. James United Methodist Church, Lynbrook, New York, to be celebrated at a dinner held in his honor on Thursday, June 13, 2013, at The Knights of Columbus Hall, Lynbrook, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born June 13, 1941, in Glen Cove, New York, Pastor John P. Fahey, Jr. entered the Ministry of the United Methodist Church in 1980; and

WHEREAS, He served as Pastor of Carpenter Memorial United Methodist Church in Glen Cove, New York, and then of Riverhead United Methodist Church, Riverhead, New York; and

WHEREAS, In July of 2000, Pastor John P. Fahey, Jr. was appointed to St. James United Methodist Church, where he faithfully served until his retirement in June of 2013; and

WHEREAS, Pastor John P. Fahey, Jr. has brought to his ministry an overwhelming 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, Pastor John P. Fahey, Jr. served the Long Island West District of the UMC as Chairman of their Parish Development Committee and Registrar of the District Board of Ordained Ministry; and

WHEREAS, He also served on the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn United Methodist Church Home and the Far Rockaway United Methodist Center; and

WHEREAS, For the past 25 years, Pastor John P. Fahey, Jr. has served as an instructor of Lay Speakers for the District School of Lay Speaking; and

WHEREAS, Locally, he is a Past President of the Lynbrook/East Rockaway Rotary Club, Secretary of the Lynbrook/East Rockaway Clergy Association, and Chaplain for The Lynbrook Fire Department, The Lynbrook Police Department, and Lynbrook-Massapequa Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons; 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, With him throughout have been his wife of 49 years, Jean, and their two sons, Edmond and Patrick, as well as five grandchildren, Cullen, Catherine, Megan, Dillon and Caroline, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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 commend The Reverend John P. Fahey, Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service as Pastor of St. James United Methodist Church, noting his unrelenting and compassionate faith and his exemplary service to God, man, 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 The Reverend John P. Fahey, Jr.