

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Monsignor William Breslawski upon the occasion of celebrating his final public Mass as Pastor of Our Lady of Peace on June 22, 2014

WHEREAS, The character and richness of religious and community life in this noble Empire State are 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 honor Monsignor William Breslawski upon the occasion of celebrating his final public Mass as Pastor of Our Lady of Peace; this momentous occasion will be held on Sunday, June 22, 2014, followed by a Reception in his honor in the Father Larry Penzes Auditorium, Lynbrook, New York; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor William Breslawski is being recognized for his exemplary work and commitment to his community, which serves to empower others; and

WHEREAS, Serving more than three decades in the ministry, Monsignor William Breslawski will take his leave of Our Lady of Peace after serving as its Pastor since November of 2002; and

WHEREAS, True to his spirit of making himself available to people in need, Monsignor William Breslawski answered the call when Bishop William Murphy asked him in early September of 2002 to lead a parish that was recovering from the shock of losing its pastor and parishioner; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor William Breslawski came to Our Lady of Peace after spending 15 years as one of the Founding Pastors of the Parish of the Holy Cross in Nesconset; he came to Our Lady of Peace with the knowledge and experience needed to be in a one-priest parish; and

WHEREAS, The understanding, warmth, and sensitivity of Monsignor William Breslawski has helped the parish community through its losses, and guided Our Lady of Peace in becoming a better and more loving community; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Monsignor William Breslawski, the Ministries and programs of Our Lady of Peace have grown in number and strength, thus providing the support he needed to run and pastor the people of this parish community; he prepares to leave the parish and move to Rocky Point where he will assume the pastor's position of St. Anthony of Padua; 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 honor Monsignor William Breslawski upon the occasion of celebrating his final public Mass as Pastor of Our Lady of Peace on June 22, 2014, noting his unremitting and compassionate faith and his exemplary service to God, man, and his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Monsignor William Breslawski.