LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Parish of St. Michael the Archangel upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Sister Gail Rieth Volunteer Award by Circles of Mercy on June 10, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to call attention to the dedicated efforts of those individuals from across the State of New York who volunteer their time and energies in service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Parish of St. Michael the Archangel upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Sister Gail Rieth Volunteer Award by Circles of Mercy, to be celebrated at its Annual Signature Fundraising Gala, "A Taste of Mercy," on Wednesday, June 10, 2015, at Shaker Ridge Country Club, Loudonville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Circles of Mercy, sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy Northeast Community, is dedicated to improving the quality of life in the community by working to end the cycle of poverty, especially among women and women with children; and

WHEREAS, This vital organization honors the dignity of each person by offering hospitality and providing services, compassion, stewardship, leadership and collaboration, which is performed in an effort to instill hope and empower individuals to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, The Parish of St. Michael the Archangel have been called upon to contribute their time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and have always given of themselves unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism is an essential element of all societies; it provides a way in which the human values-of community, caring and serving can be sustained and strengthened; and

WHEREAS, In addition, volunteerism promotes family and community solidarity; most importantly, people who volunteer their time in civic and charitable endeavors inspire others to the call of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, the Parish of St. Michael the Archangel have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Parish of St. Michael the Archangel upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Sister Gail Rieth Volunteer Award by Circles of Mercy on June 10, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Parish of St. Michael the Archangel.