

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Catholic Charities upon the occasion of hosting its Fourth Annual Night at the Museum and paying tribute to this year's honorees on June 23, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Catholic Charities upon the occasion of hosting its Fourth Annual Night at the Museum and paying tribute to this year's honorees, to be celebrated on Thursday, June 23, 2016, at the New York State Museum, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Catholic Charities, a ministry of the Catholic Diocese of Albany, recognizes human needs at all stages of life, and responds to all persons regardless of race, creed, or lifestyle, with special emphasis on the economically poor and the vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, This year, Catholic Charities is honored to recognize the Capital Region Builders & Remodelers Association and Reverend Kenneth J. Doyle for their steadfast and unrelenting commitment to their communities; and

WHEREAS, The Capital Region Builders & Remodelers Association (CRBRA) is comprised of builders, developers, remodelers, architects, engineers, trade contractors, material suppliers and professionals from associated industries throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, This vital organization proudly represents seven counties including Albany, Columbia, Greene, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga and Schenectady Counties; and

WHEREAS, Affiliated with the New York State Builders Association and the National Association of Home Builders, the CRBRA represents more than 140,000 business members which construct approximately 80% of all new homes built in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Following his ordination on May 28, 1966, Reverend Kenneth J. Doyle served his community with much loyalty and devotion in numerous capacities including Instructor in Religion at Cardinal McCloskey High School, Associate Pastor of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Editor of The Evangelist; and Chaplain of both Kenwood Academy of the Sacred Heart and Doane Stuart School; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Reverend Kenneth J. Doyle served St. John's Parish in Valatie, New York, as a Weekend Parish Associate; Bureau Chief for the National Catholic News Service in Rome, Italy; Information Officer of the United States Catholic Conference, Washington, DC; Director of Government Relations, New York State Catholic Conference, Albany, New York; and Director for Media Relations, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Reverend Kenneth J. Doyle is the Pastor of the Parish of Mater Christi, Albany, New York, a position he has held since 1992, as well as Chancellor, since 2000, for Public Information, Diocese of Albany; and

WHEREAS, As Pastor, Reverend Kenneth J. Doyle was instrumental in overseeing the construction and opening of the Mater Christi, the last church to have been built in the Diocese; and

WHEREAS, Today, he serves as Chairman of the Albany County Airport Authority Board, and a Board Member of St. Peter's Health Partners;

Reverend Kenneth J. Doyle is also the author of a question and answer weekly column circulated in more than 100 Catholic publications; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and associations 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 commend Catholic Charities upon the occasion of hosting its Fourth Annual Night at the Museum and paying tribute to this year's honorees on June 23, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Catholic Charities, the Capital Region Builders and Remodelers Association and The Reverend Kenneth J. Doyle.