

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMEMORATING the 50th Anniversary of the Order of
the DeMolay in the State of New York

WHEREAS, A great state is only as great as its citizens and as strong as its communities, and New York State is among the strongest in the nation thanks to the individual residents and their unwavering commitment to improving our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals and organizations who devote their purposeful life to serving others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Order of DeMolay in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The Order of DeMolay in this State has its headquarters at the Masonic Care Community in Utica, New York, which also serves as an independent living, assisted living, and skilled nursing care facility for hundreds of residents who hail from throughout our great State; and

WHEREAS, Local Chapters of the Order of DeMolay can be found on Long Island, in the City of New York, and in numerous other villages, towns, and cities throughout our State; and

WHEREAS, The Order of DeMolay, founded in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1919, is an international organization for young men ages 12-21; deriving its name from Jacques DeMolay, the last Grand Master of the Knights Templar; and

WHEREAS, This organization is dedicated to preparing young men to lead happy, successful, and productive lives by developing the civic awareness, personal responsibility, and leadership skills so vitally needed in society today; and

WHEREAS, The Order of DeMolay combines this serious mission with a fun approach which builds important bonds of friendship among its members locally and worldwide; and

WHEREAS, The Order of DeMolay alumni include such distinguished men as: Walt Disney, John Wayne, Walter Cronkite, and numerous other politicians, doctors, and professionals, many of whom have spoken eloquently of the life-changing benefit gained from their involvement in the Order of DeMolay; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those organizations which enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the

citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Order of DeMolay in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Order of DeMolay in the State of New York.