

BY: Senator HELMING

COMMENDING St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Waterloo, New York, upon the occasion of celebrating its Bicentennial

WHEREAS, Religious institutions, and the many spiritual, social and educational benefits they confer, play a vital role in the development of the moral fabric of a responsible citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of this State and this Nation to pay tribute to those institutions and individuals who have contributed to the ethical and spiritual values of their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes pleasure in commend St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Waterloo, New York, upon the occasion of its Bicentennial; to celebrate this auspicious milestone, numerous events will be held the weekend of November 17-19, 2017, most notably a commemorative Eucharist service on Sunday, November 19, 2017, officiated by The Right Reverend Dr. Dede Duncan-Probe, Bishop of Central New York, followed by a reception in the Parish House; and

WHEREAS, Saint Paul's Episcopal Church is a historic Episcopal church located in Waterloo, in Seneca County, New York; it was constructed in 1863-1864 of local limestone in the Gothic Revival style; and

WHEREAS, The 52 feet by 72 feet church building features a tower with a stone spire and clock; a large two story rough cut limestone parish house was built in 1916; and

WHEREAS, Under the spiritual guidance of The Reverend Dr. Jeffrey Haugaard, Saint Paul's Episcopal Church stands on the threshold of tomorrow, prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades while retaining that spiritual resolve which characterizes its past; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of enduring religious institutions and to bring such institutions to the attention of the people of this Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, fully confident that this commemoration reflects the belief in those values which enhance the dignity and purpose of life; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Reverend Dr. Jeffrey Haugaard, Saint Paul's Episcopal Church.