

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

COMMENDING Reverend William T. Slater upon the occasion of his retirement after 20 years of distinguished service to the Notre Dame Church in New Hyde Park, New York

WHEREAS, The character and richness of religious and community life in this noble Empire State is 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 commend Reverend William T. Slater upon the occasion of his retirement after 20 years of distinguished service to the Notre Dame Church in New Hyde Park, New York, to be celebrated with a party held in his honor on Sunday, June 24, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Reverend William T. Slater was educated in both Catholic and public elementary and middle schools; in ninth grade, he entered St. Pius X Prep Seminary from which he graduated in 1968; and

WHEREAS, He continued his education for the priesthood by attending College Seminary of the Immaculate Conception and graduate studies in theology at the School of Theology of the same name at Huntington, New York; Father was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Rockville Centre in 1977; and

WHEREAS, Reverend William T. Slater has taught Sacred Scripture as a faculty member of the Seminary in Huntington; he has been the Associate Pastor of Notre Dame Parish since June of 1996, and in 2007, became Pastor; and

WHEREAS, Reverend William T. Slater has brought to his ministry an overwhelming spirit of charity and compassion, acting from vision and enlightenment in conducting his administrative and spiritual duties, while always displaying the highest standards of personal and professional integrity and dedication; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished man of God has always given enlightenment, guidance and wisdom to the many entrusted to his care and has administered abundantly and unstintingly to the spiritual and corporal needs of all; 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 commend Reverend William T. Slater upon the occasion of his retirement after 20 years of distinguished service to the Note Dame Church in New Hyde Park, New York, noting his unremitting and compassionate faith and his exemplary service to God, man, and his community, and extending to him the heartfelt best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reverend William T. Slater.