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CONGRATULATING Father John Bradley upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 51 years of distinguished service to the Albany Roman Catholic Diocese

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 custom 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Father John Bradley upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 51 years of distinguished service to the Albany Roman Catholic Diocese; he will officially retire on Sunday, July 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, A priest in the Albany Roman Catholic Diocese for more than five decades, Father John Bradley served for 42 years as the spiritual leader to the families in Blessed Sacrament Parish who have looked to him for guidance during both the challenging and the joyous times in their lives; and

WHEREAS, Father John Bradley has presided over countless baptisms and funerals and officiated at over a thousand weddings, in addition to the other daily activities of his extensive and inclusive pastoral ministry; and

WHEREAS, His ministry has been a splendid example of service to community, as Father John Bradley has overseen the ministry of Blessed Sacrament Church and the Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas, as well as the education of children in Blessed Sacrament School and assistance to the poor and disadvantaged at the Sister Maureen Joyce Center; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he consoles the sick at local hospitals, nursing homes, and in their homes, and has tirelessly guided a staff of workers and volunteers to run the various programs and events that encompass parish life; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as spiritual leader of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Father John Bradley has served with loyalty, honor and distinction, and is governed by a keen sense of duty and always shows a unique grasp of human problems in his official acts; and

WHEREAS, Father John Bradley 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Father John Bradley upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 51 years of distinguished service to the Albany Roman Catholic Diocese; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Father John Bradley.