

Assembly Resolution No. 901

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MOURNING the death of Father James Lefebvre,
spiritual leader, distinguished citizen and pillar
of his community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Father James Lefebvre of Albany, New York, died on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at the age of 83; and

WHEREAS, Father Lefebvre served the City of Albany, and the residents of Albany Housing Authority as a Commissioner for more than 40 years; and

WHEREAS, A truly constant and steady force in this capacity, Father James Lefebvre spoke quietly yet insightfully to bring order to the discussion of even the most complex and controversial issues, always keeping the best interests of the residents at heart; and

WHEREAS, Father James Lefebvre was a devoted servant of his beloved community for decades; his profound impact on Albany Housing Authority and the community-at-large is immeasurable; and

WHEREAS, Ordained to the Roman Catholic priesthood in 1959, Father James Lefebvre was appointed Albany Police Chaplain in 1965, while residing at St. Joseph's Parish in Albany; he was made honorary Assistant Police Chief in 2014; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this esteemed man served for many years as priest at Historic St. Mary's Church on Capitol Hill in Albany, New York, and was appointed to the Albany County Ethics Commission in 2016; and

WHEREAS, A friend, mentor, storyteller, and a part of the fabric which makes Albany a special place to live and work, Father James Lefebvre's impression will be felt for many years to come by those who were fortunate enough to come in contact with him; and

WHEREAS, Father James Lefebvre will be fondly remembered for his commitment to serving the residents of this city; his humor, quick wit and smile will be deeply missed; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Father James Lefebvre leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

mourn the death of Father James Lefebvre, spiritual leader, distinguished citizen and pillar of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Father James Lefebvre.