

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMENDING Father Michael Bundz upon the occasion of celebrating the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Father Michael Bundz upon the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood; this milestone was celebrated with a special church service officiated by Bishop Paul Chomnycky, followed by a dinner and reception with family, friends and parishioners as well as numerous clergy from the Upstate New York area on Sunday, October 3, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Father Michael Bundz, the pastor of St. Volodymyr Ukrainian Catholic Church of Utica, New York, began his journey in the priesthood when he was ordained in 1981; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, Father Michael Bundz has spearheaded countless initiatives over the past four decades to help those in need; and

WHEREAS, For 40 years, Father Michael Bundz 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 Father Michael Bundz, 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 Father Michael Bundz.