

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Reverend Josephtan T. Pham upon the occasion of his 40th Anniversary in the priesthood to be celebrated on June 27, 2010

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 Josephtan T. Pham upon the occasion of his 40th Anniversary in the priesthood to be celebrated at a Mass on Sunday, June 27, 2010, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, which will be followed by a reception at the Parish Center; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Josephtan T. Pham was born on September 15, 1944, in Kesat Province of HAI-DUONG, Vietnam; after the signing of the Geneva agreement, his family moved to South Vietnam and resettled in the Province of BIEN-HOA, South Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, His vocation to the priesthood came to him at a very young age; in 1956, with the permission of his parents, Reverend Josephtan T. Pham entered the Minor Seminary in the Province of MY THO; and

WHEREAS, After four years of Junior High School in the Seminary of Blessed Liem, Reverend Josephtan T. Pham went to SAIGON for Senior High School; in 1962, he graduated from high school and was admitted to The Major Seminary of St. Joseph of Archdiocese of Saigon; and

WHEREAS, In 1965, Reverend Josephtan T. Pham was sent to a parish for a Pastoral Year; one year later, he returned to the Seminary for four more years of Theology; on April 29, 1969, he was ordained as Deacon at the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Saigon; and

WHEREAS, On April 29, 1970, Reverend Josephtan T. Pham was ordained to the Priesthood at his home parish Kesat by his own Bishop Joseph LE-VAN-AN, Bishop of the newly created Diocese of XUAN-LOC; and

WHEREAS, Later that year, Reverend Josephtan T. Pham was sent to Rome, Italy, for higher study of Canon Law in The Urbanian University; on April 30, 1975, he graduated with a degree of Doctorate in Canon Law; and

WHEREAS, After graduation, Reverend Josephtan T. Pham was unable to return home due to the change of the political regime in Vietnam; he stayed in Rome for another year hoping for the chance to return home; and

WHEREAS, However, in 1976, Reverend Josephtan T. Pham decided to embark on a new journey in the United States of America, and to serve the Diocese of Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, His very first assignment in the Diocese was as Coordinator under the Supervision of the Diocesan Migration Office; in this capacity, he was responsible for the spiritual welfare of the Vietnamese people who had also resettled in Queens and Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, In 1978, Reverend Josephtan T. Pham was sent to serve as a Parochial Vicar to serve the parish of St. Jude, Canarsie, Brooklyn; in July 1982, he was transferred to the Parish of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, where he has faithfully served this congregation and its members ever since; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Josephtan T. Pham 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 Josephtan T. Pham upon the occasion of his 40th Anniversary in the priesthood, noting his unrelenting 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 Josephtan T. Pham.