

**BY:** Senator GRIFFO

**CONGRATULATING** Father Vincent P. Long upon the occasion of celebrating the 50th 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 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,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Father Vincent P. Long upon the occasion of celebrating the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood; and

**WHEREAS,** Vincent P. Long grew up in Syracuse, New York, where church, faith and music were always important to his family; he graduated from North High School and worked as a substitute organist at Our Lady of Pompei Church; and

**WHEREAS,** Ordained on May 17, 1969, Father Vincent P. Long's priestly service began at St. Ann's in Syracuse and Our Lady of Lourdes in Utica; he went on to teach religion at Rome Catholic High School; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout his illustrious tenure which has spanned five decades, Father Vincent P. Long has served as a parish priest, religion teacher, hospital chaplain, prison chaplain, and currently, pastor of the Parish Community of St. Leo and St. Ann in Holland Patent; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition to his full-time work at St. Leo and St. Ann, Father Vincent P. Long serves as a chaplain at medium security prisons, including Marcy Correctional Facility, Mid-State Correctional Facility and Mohawk Correctional Facility in Rome, New York; 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 custom 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

congratulating Father Vincent P. Long upon the occasion of celebrating the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Father Vincent P. Long.