Senate Resolution No. 1321

BY: Senator ASHBY

COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of the Church of the Holy Spirit of East Greenbush, New York

WHEREAS, Religious institutions, and the many spiritual, social and educational benefits they confer, play a vital role in the development of the moral fabric of a responsible citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of this State and this Nation to pay tribute to those institutions and individuals who have contributed to the ethical and spiritual values of their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes pleasure in commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Church of the Holy Spirit of East Greenbush, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Church of the Holy Spirit is a Roman Catholic Church serving East Greenbush and the surrounding community; through its adherence to the two pillars of Catholic faith, sacred scripture and sacred tradition, it strives to embody the gospel message and live according to His will; and

WHEREAS, The first East Greenbush parish, the Church of the Holy Spirit was founded in 1923, with 50 founding parishioners; today, Holy Spirit Church has grown to a congregation of more than 1,200 families residing in East Greenbush; and

WHEREAS, From its humble beginnings in the living room of the Hysermann family living room to rented quarters in the Grange Hall, the parish grew to enable the purchase of property from the Elliott farm and the building of the church in the early Romanesque style; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Gibbons approved the petition for the Holy Spirit Church and named Father John Fox as Pastor, who made an immediate impact and grew the parish from 50 members to 455 in 15 years; and

WHEREAS, Currently under the luminous leadership of Father Quy Vo, the Church of the Holy Spirit continues Reverend John Fox's tradition of welcoming all; and

WHEREAS, The Church of the Holy Spirit stands on the threshold of tomorrow, prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades while retaining that spiritual resolve which characterizes its past; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of enduring religious institutions and to bring such institutions to the attention of the people of this Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Church of the Holy Spirit of East Greenbush, New York, fully confident that this commemoration

reflects the belief in those values which enhance the dignity and purpose of life; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Father Quy Vo, Pastor, the Church of the Holy Spirit of East Greenbush, New York.