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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating The Reverend Father Eric A. Stephens upon the occasion of his retirement from St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

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 congratulate The Reverend Father Eric A. Stephens upon the occasion of his retirement from St. Augustine's Episcopal Church on Friday, January 22, 2010, in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Stephens has provided invaluable service as Assisting Priest at St. Augustine's for more than 12 years; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Stephens 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 congratulate The Reverend Father Eric A. Stephens upon the occasion of his retirement from St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 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 The Reverend Father Eric A. Stephens.