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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Church of the Sacred Heart and St. Mary Our Lady of Czestochowa, to be celebrated on Sunday, September 26, 2010

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 Sacred Heart and St. Mary Our Lady of Czestochowa, to be celebrated on Sunday, September 26, 2010; and

WHEREAS, In the years 1908 and 1909, St. Mary's Parish was a temporary Mission of Holy Trinity Parish in Utica, New York; it was established for the Catholic people of the Village of New York Mills and for all Catholics of Polish descent from the surrounding vicinity; originally there were about 200 families in the Parish; and

WHEREAS, In 1910, the Church was designated as a Parish by the Most Reverend Patrick Ludden, Bishop of Syracuse and administered to the Priests of Holy Trinity Parish; Reverend Stephen Plaza was appointed as the first resident Pastor; and

WHEREAS, On July 1, 1994, Father Valentine C. Krul, became pastor of St. Mary's, his home parish; he was baptized, received his First Penance, First Communion and Confirmation at St Mary's; he also arrived the day St. Mary's school closed which was a very difficult time for the parish and their new pastor, but The Holy Spirit prevailed and the people continued on in the love of Christ; and

WHEREAS, When Father Krul arrived at St. Mary's, he consulted with

Mrs. Linda DePhillips, who was then the Director of St. John the Evangelist Nursery School in New Hartford; they discussed as to whether a nursery school would be feasible at St. Mary's and the conclusion was that St. Mary's Nursery School would open in September 1994 under the direction of Mrs. Linda DePhillips; the school began with 21 students and two teachers; and

WHEREAS, Since September of 2008, the school has become a full-time program with an all day nursery school program offered for children 18 months to four years of age; currently, the afterschool program is for children ages five through twelve; and

WHEREAS, On September 9, 2007, a Unity Celebration was held, to acknowledge the past and welcome the future of two parishes; the celebration began at Sacred Heart Church with a Mass followed by a motorcade which proceeded to the new Church of the Sacred Heart & St. Mary, Our Lady of Czestochowa, where music welcomed the procession with songs such as "City of God"; the motorcade was escorted by the New York Mills and Yorkville Police and Fire Departments; and

WHEREAS, When the procession arrived at the parish Church the Mayor of New York Mills, Robert Maciol, welcomed the newly formed community to New York Mills; the tabernacle, sanctuary lamp, statues of the Sacred Heart, Our Lady Queen of Victory and the crucifix from Sacred Heart were enshrined in their new church building; the celebration of the Eucharist continued and Father Valentine Krul now serves as pastor of the newly formed parish- Church of the Sacred Heart & St. Mary, Our Lady of Czestochowa; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, the Church of the Sacred Heart and St. Mary Our Lady of Czestochowa has offered numerous programs and activities in addition to its worship services; and

WHEREAS, The Church of the Sacred Heart and St. Mary Our Lady of Czestochowa 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 Sacred Heart and St. Mary Our Lady of Czestochowa, 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 the Church of the Sacred Heart and St. Mary Our Lady of Czestochowa.