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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Father Kevin Tortorelli, O.F.M. for his many years of devoted service in 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Father Kevin Tortorelli, O.F.M. for his many years of devoted service in the Priesthood, to be celebrated at an event on Saturday, September 8, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Father Kevin Tortorelli attended Siena College from 1966-1970; he then attended St. John's Seminary in Brighton, Massachusetts, from 1970-1971, followed by Holy Name College in Washington, D.C. from 1971-1973; and

WHEREAS, Ordained to the Priesthood on September 22, 1973, Father Kevin Tortorelli's first assignment was at St. Francis of Assisi Church as the parochial vicar with additional responsibilities for the Adult Education program; and

WHEREAS, From 1975-1976, Father Kevin Tortorelli served as Assistant Director of Franciscan College Formation Program at Siena College, and taught part-time in its Religious Studies Department; and

WHEREAS, Father Kevin Tortorelli went on to further his graduate studies at Boston College in 1976; he attended St. Edmund's College in Cambridge, UK, as a visiting scholar for one year before returning to Boston College to conduct his research; and

WHEREAS, In 1982, Father Kevin Tortorelli returned to Siena College as a resident priest; he taught in the college's Religious Studies Department and in its Classics Department for 10 years; he still has very close ties with the college today; and

WHEREAS, In 1992, Father Kevin Tortorelli became a member of the campus ministry at the University of Georgia; two years later, he moved his ministry to St. Francis Chapel in Providence, Rhode Island, as a chapel staff with responsibilities for Adult Education; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Father Kevin Tortorelli is the parochial vicar of St. Francis of Assisi Church in midtown Manhattan, with additional responsibilities for Adult Education and Cardinal Bernadin Series for Clergy; and

WHEREAS, Father Kevin Tortorelli 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 Father Kevin Tortorelli, O.F.M. for his many years of devoted service in the Priesthood, 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 Father Kevin Tortorelli.