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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Bishop Howard J. Hubbard upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Humanitarian Award by Catholic Charities

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 honor Bishop Howard J. Hubbard upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Humanitarian Award by Catholic Charities; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at Catholic Charities Night, to be held on Thursday, June 20, 2013, at the New York State Museum in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, A native of Troy, New York, Howard J. Hubbard was ordained a Roman Catholic priest in 1963, and was consecrated Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany in 1977; and

WHEREAS, Among his many and varied assignments prior to being consecrated as Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, Howard J. Hubbard served at St. Joseph's Parish in Schenectady, New York; the Cathedral Parish in Albany, New York; Convent of the Sacred Heart, Kenwood; Assistant Director, Catholic Charities, Schenectady; Director, Providence House, Albany; Coordinator of Urban Apostolate, Albany; Chairman, Diocesan Commission for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs;

Chairman, Priests' Personnel Board; Director, Office of Pastoral Planning; Diocesan Consultor; Vicar General, Diocese of Albany; and Administrator of the Diocese (Vicar Capitular), Albany; and

WHEREAS, Active in many Capital District civic organizations, Howard J. Hubbard was the Co-Founder of the Hope House Drug Rehabilitation Facility; President of the Urban League of Albany; Episcopal Liaison, National Catholic AIDS Network; Co-Chair of the New York State Labor/Religion Coalition; and President of New Yorkers for Alternatives to the Death Penalty; and

WHEREAS, In 1980, Bishop Howard J. Hubbard was a delegate to the White House Conference on the Family; he was also appointed by Pope John Paul II as a member of the Secretariat for Non-Believers (1983-87); and

WHEREAS, Bishop Howard J. Hubbard holds honorary degrees from Siena College, The College of Saint Rose, Niagara University, St. Bernard's Institute and St. John's University; and

WHEREAS, Among the many awards and honors bestowed upon Bishop Howard J. Hubbard are the: Citizens Laureate Award by the University Foundation at Albany; Golden Heart Award by Temple Beth El, Troy, New York; B'nai B'rith Youth Services Award by Gideon Lodge, B'nai B'rith; Four Chaplains Brotherhood Award by Jewish War Veterans Albany Post 105; Americanism Award by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith; Edward H. Pattison Citizenship Award (The Ebbie Award) by the Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce; Circle of Humanity Award by Temple Israel; Fear to Friendship Award by Temple Beth Emeth; Robert Lamar Humanitarian Award by the Interfaith Alliance; Lifetime Achievement Award by St. Mary's Hospital Foundation; Community of Excellence Award by the College of St. Rose; and Yves Conger Award by the Conference for Pastoral Planning and Council Development; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Howard J. Hubbard is the author of: ALWAYS GOD'S PEOPLE; WE ARE GOD'S PRIESTLY PEOPLE, A VISION FOR THE CHURCH OF ALBANY FOR THE 1990'S; and I AM BREAD BROKEN, A SPIRITUALITY FOR THE CATECHIST;

and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Bishop Howard J.

Hubbard has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor, and has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues, family and friends;

and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Bishop Howard J. Hubbard has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Bishop Howard J. Hubbard upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Humanitarian Award by Catholic Charities; and be it

further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bishop Howard J. Hubbard.