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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 45th Anniversary of the Order of the DeMolay in the State of New York, in conjunction with the National observance of its 93rd Anniversary

WHEREAS, A great state is only as great as its citizens and as strong as its communities, and New York State is among the strongest in the nation thanks to the individual residents and their unwavering commitment to improving our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals and organizations who devote their purposeful life to serving others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 45th Anniversary of the Order of DeMolay in the State of New York, in conjunction with the National observance of its 93rd Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, The Order of DeMolay can be found not only throughout the United States but in more than a dozen countries worldwide; and WHEREAS, The Order of DeMolay, founded in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1919, is an international organization for young men ages 12-21; this essential institute derives its name from Jacques DeMolay, the last Grand Master of the Knights Templar; and

WHEREAS, This organization is dedicated to preparing young men to lead happy, successful, and productive lives by developing the civic awareness, personal responsibility and leadership skills so vitally needed in society today; and

WHEREAS, The Order of DeMolay combines this serious mission with a fun approach which builds important bonds of friendship among its members locally and worldwide; and

WHEREAS, The Order of DeMolay alumni include such distinguished men as: Walt Disney, John Wayne, Walter Cronkite, and numerous other politicians, doctors, and professionals, many of whom have spoken eloquently of the life-changing benefit gained from their involvement in the Order of DeMolay; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those organizations which enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 45th Anniversary of the Order of DeMolay in the State of New York, in conjunction with the National observance of its 93rd Anniversary; and be it farther

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Order of DeMolay.