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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Reverend Patrick Butler upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Sister Maureen Joyce Distinguished Service Award on April 22, 2014

WHEREAS, Spiritual guidance and nurturing are of great importance to the vitality and well-being of all people and every community of this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Instrumental in that deliverance are those men and women of religious commitment who accept the responsibility of moral leadership and render the wisdom of human understanding; and

WHEREAS, Singular in distinction is Reverend Patrick Butler, whose service to his church and his people, and his involvement in his community mirror a commitment of compelling dimension; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Reverend Patrick Butler upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Sister Maureen Joyce Distinguished Service Award, to be celebrated at the 2nd Annual Sister Maureen Joyce Center Dinner on Tuesday, April 22, 2014, at Wolferts Roost Country Club, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Sister Maureen Joyce Distinguished Service Award is given annually to persons, organizations, and businesses that have demonstrated commitment to the spirit of the Sister Maureen Joyce Center through their outreach or advocacy on behalf of the poor and vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, Ordained in 1982, Reverend Patrick Butler has served as Pastor at St. Edward the Confessor in Clifton Park, New York for the past seven years; and

WHEREAS, With a strong belief in gratitude and thanksgiving, Reverend Patrick Butler has been instrumental in the addition of Mary's Corner to the Sister Maureen Joyce Center; and

WHEREAS, Mary's Corner is an outreach program which provides support for children within the community, ages newborn to three years, and the adults who care for them; and

WHEREAS, Through generous donations by parishioners from St. Edward the Confessor, the organization provides such items as baby clothing, blankets, formula and diapers to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, under the luminous direction of Reverend Patrick Butler, and true to the mission of the Sister Maureen Joyce Center, St. Edward the Confessor has also been actively involved in the work of the local Soup Kitchen; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Patrick Butler 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 honor Reverend Patrick Butler upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Sister Maureen Joyce Distinguished Service Award, 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 tran-

mitted to Reverend Patrick Butler.