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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Father James Cesta upon the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of his service as a priest, to be celebrated on May 18, 2014

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 James Cesta upon the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of his service as a priest, to be celebrated with a Special Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 18, 2014, at Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Church in Utica, New York; and

WHEREAS, Father James Cesta 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, Father James Cesta, whose home parish is Our Lady of Pompei Church in Syracuse, New York, received his seminary education at Wadhams Hall Seminary College in Ogdensburg, and St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry in Rochester, New York; and

WHEREAS, He was ordained on May 18, 1974, and his first appointment was as associate pastor at St. John the Baptist Church in Rome, New York; in his long and distinguished career as a priest, Father James Cesta has ministered to several congregations in New York State; he has

served as associate pastor at Holy Family Church in Fairmont, St. Rose of Lima Church in North Syracuse, St. Agatha's Church in Canastota, Blessed Sacrament Church in Syracuse, and Our Lady of Good Counsel in Endicott; and

WHEREAS, In 1996 Father James Cesta was appointed pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Oswego, where he served for 13 years until July 2009, when he was named temporary administrator of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament in Utica; in January of 2010, he was named pastor for St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament; 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 James Cesta upon the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of his service as a priest, 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 James Cesta.