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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Father Douglas Taylor-Weiss upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 30 years of distinguished 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Father Douglas Taylor-Weiss upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 30 years of distinguished service in ministry, to be celebrated with a Retirement Party in his honor on Sunday, April 27, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Born June 1, 1956, Douglas Taylor-Weiss holds a Master's degree in Theological Studies and a Doctor of Ministry which he earned at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary; he began his illustrious career at St. Leonard's House as a Night House Manager where he counseled ex-convicts; and

WHEREAS, A lecturer in Theology at Loyola University from 1981 to 1983, Father Douglas Taylor-Weiss was ordained a Deacon on June 11, 1983, and six months later he was ordained to the Priesthood on December 17, 1983; and

WHEREAS, After more than three decades in the Priesthood, Father Douglas Taylor-Weiss will retire from the esteemed title of Pastor of The

Episcopal Church of Saints & John in Auburn, New York, a position he has held since August of 1998; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his loving wife, Debra, and their two beautiful children, Zenobia Ruth and Esther Marie, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Father Douglas Taylor-Weiss 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 the Father Douglas Taylor-Weiss upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 30 years of distinguished 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 Douglas Taylor-Weiss.