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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Monsignor Francis Culkin upon the occasion of his 70th Anniversary in the Priesthood to be celebrated on May 25, 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 Monsignor Francis Culkin upon the occasion of his 70th Anniversary in the Priesthood to be celebrated with a Mass on Sunday, May 25, 2014, at St. Peter's Church, Rome, New York; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of St. Mary's School and Fulton High School, Monsignor Francis Culkin received his Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Fordham University; he studied for the priesthood at Christ the King Seminary at St. Bonaventure University and St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor Francis Culkin was ordained a priest on June 3, 1944, and for more than four decades, he served as Parochial Vicar of St. John the Baptist in Rome and St. John the Baptist in Syracuse, as well as Pastor of the Immaculate Conception in Greene, St. Patrick's in Jordan, and St. Peter's in Rome; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he served at St. Joseph's in Lee Center, and was Episcopal Vicar of Northwestern Madison and Western Oneida Counties; he was named an Honorary Prelate by Pope Paul VI in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor Francis Culkin 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, Today, at 99 years of age, Monsignor Francis Culkin resides at St. Mary's in Rome and continues to serve the parish of St. Mary and St. Peter; 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 Monsignor Francis Culkin upon the occasion of his 70th Anniversary 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 Monsignor Francis Culkin.