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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Reverend Father Peter A. Pomposello upon the occasion of being commissioned as a Military Chaplain in the United States Army Chaplain Corps

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 Reverend Father Peter A. Pomposello upon the occasion of being commissioned as a Military Chaplain in the United States Army Chaplain Corps; and

WHEREAS, The Pastor of Holy Cross Church, Bronx, New York, Reverend Father Peter A. Pomposello will leave his pastorship to begin his new ministry on June 24, 2014; a Farewell Celebration to honor his many years of service to his parish will be held on Sunday, June 22, 2014, following a special Mass to celebrate this most hallowed intention; and

WHEREAS, Father Peter A. Pomposello has been the Pastor at Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church since May 2008, responsible for the administration and maintenance of five parish church and school buildings, supervising and leading 35 staff and faculty, and tending to the spiritual needs and well-being of more than 2,000 families in the parish, as well as 392 students of Holy Cross Parish School; and

WHEREAS, He 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 Peter A. Pomposello earned a Bachelor of Science in Journalism and Technical Writing from New York University School of Engineering in 1991, and completed his religious training some years later, receiving in 2003 a Master of Divinity from St. Joseph's Seminary as well as a Bachelor of Sacred Theology from Angelicum Pontificia Università in Rome, and earning a Master of Arts in Sacred Theology from St. Joseph's Seminary in 2004; and

WHEREAS, From March 1992 to June 1997, Father Peter A. Pomposello was a teacher for the New York City Board of Education; he began his career as a member of the clergy in May 2004 as Parochial Vicar at Saints John and Paul Roman Catholic Church in Larchmont, New York; after two years he became the Parochial Vicar at St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church in Manhattan, New York, leaving in 2008 to begin his illustrious tenure at Holy Cross Parish; and

WHEREAS, Answering the call to serve those who serve, Father Peter A. Pomposello will, as a Military Chaplain, offer religious services, counseling, and moral support to individuals in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished man of God has also served his country in the military; he was commissioned in the United States Army (Reserve) Infantry as Second Lieutenant in 1991, promoted to First Lieutenant in 1993, and became a Captain in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Father Peter A. Pomposello 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; he will surely carry on this tradition of unfailing spiritual stewardship in his new role as Military Chaplain; 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 indi-

vidual for the edification of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Reverend Father Peter A. Pomposello upon the occasion of being commissioned as a Military Chaplain in the United States Army Chaplain Corps, noting his unremitting and compassionate faith and his exemplary service to God, humanity, his community, and his Nation, 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 Reverend Father Peter A. Pomposello.