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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Father Philip Hearn and Dennis Surace upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2014 Francis J. Bellamy Community Awards

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Father Philip Hearn and Dennis Surace have given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently have been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Father Philip Hearn and Dennis Surace upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2014 Francis J. Bellamy Community Awards by the Francis J. Bellamy Awards Committee; these distinguished men will be celebrated at the Francis J. Bellamy Community Awards Breakfast on Thursday, August 28, 2014, at The Beeches in Rome, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Francis J. Bellamy Community Awards were established in 2013 to recognize outstanding Rome citizens who exemplify the ideals of Francis J. Bellamy, the author of the "Pledge of Allegiance," who was a Rome native; and

WHEREAS, Father Philip Hearn and Dennis Surace were chosen for this esteemed recognition for their unparalleled character, generosity, and positive influence on the community and its residents; and

WHEREAS, Father Philip Hearn is Pastor of St. Mary's/St. Peter's Catholic Church; this man of God has worked to meet the spiritual needs of Rome's Catholic residents throughout his more than 45 years as a priest; in addition, he has had a tremendous impact on youth as a high school teacher, and high school principal; and

WHEREAS, Business and community leader Dennis Surace is Senior VP and

Regional Executive for NBT Bank; in this position he has significantly enhanced the work of non-profit organizations in his region through his sponsorship of events, participation in community initiatives, and leadership on numerous boards of directors; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Father Philip Hearn and Dennis Surace have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Father Philip Hearn and Dennis Surace have displayed throughout their lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Father Philip Hearn and Dennis Surace upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of 2014 Francis J. Bellamy Community Awards; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Father Philip Hearn and Dennis Surace.