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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the pastoral installation of Reverend Vincent G. Chirichella of Our Lady of Grace Church, Brooklyn, New York, on March 22, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to bring full recognition and just tribute to those men and women of religious commitment who accept the responsibility of moral leadership and render the wisdom of human understanding; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the pastoral installation of Reverend Vincent G. Chirichella, to be celebrated at an Installation Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church, in Brooklyn, New York, on Sunday, March 22, 2015; and WHEREAS, Vincent G. Chirichella was born on November 4, 1968, in Brooklyn, New York, to John and Michela Chirichella; he went to Our Lady of Mount Carmel School in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, and graduated from Christ the King High School in Middle Village, Queens, New York; and WHEREAS, Upon his graduation from high school, Vincent G. Chirichella attended and graduated from the Catholic Medical Center School of Radiology in Manchester, New Hampshire; he was employed as an X-Ray Technologist until 1999; and

WHEREAS, In 1999, Vincent G. Chirichella decided to make a career and life change; he was accepted to the Cathedral Seminary Residence in Douglaston, Queens, and in 2002, he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from Saint Francis College in Brooklyn; and WHEREAS, Vincent G. Chirichella's post graduate studies were at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, New York; in 2007, he earned both a Master of Arts degree and a Master of Divinity degree; and WHEREAS, On June 2, 2007, Vincent G. Chirichella was ordained a Priest of Jesus Christ by The Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio; and WHEREAS, Prior to his arrival at Our Lady of Grace Church, Reverend Vincent G. Chirichella served as Parochial Vicar at Saint Luke Church in Whitestone, Queens, and Pastor of Saint Dominic Church, in Bensonhurst, Brooklyn; 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 commemorate the pastoral installation of Reverend Vincent G. Chirichella of Our Lady of Grace Church, Brooklyn, New York, on March 22, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reverend Vincent G. Chirichella.