

## 2015-K450

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Father Gordon Polenz upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Citizen of the Years Award by the Sidney Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Father Gordon Polenz upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Citizen of the Years Award by the Sidney Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at its annual dinner meeting on Friday, June 5, 2015, at the Sidney Elks Lodge; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Father Gordon Polenz has been a treasured member of the Sidney community for more than 25 years as pastor of Sacred Heart Church; he was instrumental in the building of its new Parish Center, established not only to serve Sacred Heart Parish, but the community-at-large, with many organizations and groups hosting events at the center throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, An active Rotarian for over two decades, Father Gordon Polenz has worked for many years with the Rotary Youth Exchange program and is a Paul Harris Fellow; he is a member of the Tri-Town Ministerium, Char-

ter Executive for Scout Pack 88 and Troop 88, as well as a member of the Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, Father Gordon Polenz has tirelessly supported countless organizations and community events; he has served as treasurer for Operation Merry Christmas for more than 20 years, and has been an active participant of the annual CROP walk which aids the local food bank; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Father Gordon Polenz' Valentine Dinner Dance celebrated its 20th year, and his Harvest Festival, established nearly 30 years ago, has grown into a much anticipated community event which draws many people into Sidney; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Father Gordon Polenz has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Father Gordon Polenz has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Father Gordon Polenz upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Citizen of the Years Award by the Sidney Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Father Gordon Polenz.