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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 300th Anniversary of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Manorton, New York

WHEREAS, Religious institutions, and the many spiritual, social and educational benefits they confer, play a vital role in the development of the moral fabric of a responsible citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of this State and this Nation to pay tribute to those institutions and individuals who have contributed to the ethical and spiritual values of their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes pleasure in commemorating the 300th Anniversary of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Manorton, New York; and

WHEREAS, St. John's was founded in 1715, by German Palatines, and was originally located in Tar Bush, south of the present village of Livingston; a second building was built to accommodate growing needs and was known as the Pict or Ther Bush Church; and

WHEREAS, In 1821, the congregation moved to Manorton, New York, and erected a new house of worship which became St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church; when the building was destroyed by natural disaster, another facility was erected in 1861; and

WHEREAS, This building also met with tragedy, and was destroyed by a fire in July of 1901; the current edifice was erected in 1902, and has served its congregation to this day; and

WHEREAS, In 1959, a Sunday School wing was added, and in 2000, St. John's Lutheran Church in Manorton united with St. John's Lutheran Church in Ancram and Christ Lutheran Church in Viewmonte to form the Lutheran Parish of Southern Columbia County; and

WHEREAS, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church stands on the threshold of tomorrow, prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades

while retaining that spiritual resolve which characterizes its past; and WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of enduring religious institutions and to bring such institutions to the attention of the people of this Empire State; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 300th Anniversary of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, fully confident that this commemoration reflects the belief in those values which enhance the dignity and purpose of life; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church.