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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Father Lawrence G. McTavey upon the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Father Lawrence G. McTavey upon the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood; and

WHEREAS, A native of South Troy, New York, Father Lawrence G. McTavey attended St. Joseph's School and graduated from Catholic Central High School in 1947; he then went into the St. Andrew's minor seminary before attending Our Lady of Angels Seminary at Niagara University, where he received a bachelor's degree in 1951; and

WHEREAS, Father Lawrence G. McTavey continued his religious studies until he was ordained in a ceremony at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany, New York, on June 4, 1955; and

WHEREAS, While serving in his first assignment as Associate Pastor at Sacred Heart Church in Troy, Father Lawrence G. McTavey was a member of the faculty of his alma mater, Catholic Central High School; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Father Lawrence G. McTavey served diligently in several other positions throughout the Diocese of Albany, including as principal of Cardinal McCloskey High School, until being appointed

pastor of St. Bernard's Church in Cohoes in 1972; and

WHEREAS, Father Lawrence G. McTavey served as pastor of St. Bernard's Church for 35 years; he faithfully served not only the members of the parish, but all those throughout the community of Cohoes and the Capital Region; this spiritual leader ministered to the Catholic schools of the Albany Diocese including Cohoes Catholic School, Catholic Central High School, and many others throughout his priesthood; and

WHEREAS, Following his retirement as pastor of St. Bernard's Church in 2007, Father Lawrence G. McTavey has continued his service to the Church and the community; and

WHEREAS, Father Lawrence G. McTavey 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, Sincerely loved and greatly respected by all, Father Lawrence G. McTavey will always be known for giving enlightenment, guidance, and wisdom to the many entrusted to his care and administering abundantly and unstintingly to the corporal and spiritual needs of all; 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Father Lawrence G. McTavey upon the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood, noting his unremitting and compassionate faith and his exemplary service to God, man, and his community, and extending to him the heartfelt best wishes to this Legis-

lative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Father Lawrence G. McTavey.