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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Father Lawrence Marullo upon the occasion of celebrating the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on May 5, 2015

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 custom 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 commend Father Lawrence Marullo upon the occasion of celebrating the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood with a Mass held on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, in Constableville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born on January 11, 1949, in Auburn, New York, to Arnold and Hulda Marullo, Lawrence Marullo was raised alongside his brother, Robert, and started thinking about the priesthood at a very young age; he also had an uncle who had some influence on his decision; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Marullo began studying to become a priest for the Diocese of Rochester in Becket Hall while attending St. John Fisher College; he graduated with his bachelor's degree and entered St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester, New York; and

WHEREAS, After transferring to the Diocese of Ogdensburg in the Spring of 1973, he was ordained by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana on May 3, 1975, at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg, New York; and

WHEREAS, Father Lawrence Marullo, or "Father Larry," as he is affec-

tionately known to many, was first appointed Parochial Vicar at St. Mary's Church in Massena, New York, where he served from 1975 to 1978; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious 40 years of ministry in New York State, Father Lawrence Marullo also served the communities of St. Joseph's Church in Malone; St. Patrick's Church in Watertown; Sacred Heart Church in Chazy; Star Lake and Newton Falls; Holy Name and St. Matthew Churches in Ausable Forks; and St. Bartholomew's and St. Anthony's Churches in Old Forge; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, this esteemed religious leader transferred to St. Mary's Church and St. Mary's Nativity in Constableville and West Leyden; and

WHEREAS, Father Lawrence Marullo had two more churches, St. Martin's in Port Leyden and St John's in Lyons Falls, added to his caretaking in 2011; he now has four churches along with five cemeteries under his supervision; and

WHEREAS, As the dedicated and loving Pastor of four parishes, Father Lawrence Marullo is responsible for the spiritual guidance of his parishioners and for the welfare of all the priests and religious individuals under his care; in addition, he participates in activities and fundraisers, monitors church organizations, and conducts numerous other important duties; and

WHEREAS, For the past 40 years, Father Lawrence Marullo has rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Catholic Church, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his congregation, diocese, and community; and

WHEREAS, Father Lawrence Marullo 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, 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Father Lawrence Marullo upon the occasion of celebrating the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood to be celebrated on May 5, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Father Lawrence Marullo.