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Senate Resolution No. 2073

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Reverend Kenneth Doyle upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2017 Third Age Achievement Award in Health and Human Services by Senior Services of Albany

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Reverend Kenneth Doyle upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2017 Third Age Achievement Award in Health and Human Services by Senior Services of Albany, to be celebrated at its 21st Annual Third Age Achievement Awards Luncheon on Friday, May 19, 2017, at Wolfert's Roost Country Club, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each year, this auspicious event recognizes the contributions that area residents and professionals have made in their communities during the Third Age of their lives; Reverend Kenneth Doyle will receive this award for his valuable achievements and devoted service to his community after the age of 60; and

WHEREAS, Born on April 3, 1940, in Troy, New York, to W. Kenneth and Sallie Doyle, Kenneth Doyle graduated from Catholic Central High School, Valedictorian for the Class of 1957; and

WHEREAS, Following high school, Kenneth Doyle attended Mater Christi Seminary and graduated two years later with an Associate of Arts degree; furthering his education, he studied at the Catholic University of America, in Washington, DC, obtaining his Master of Arts degree in Philosophy in 1962; he also studied at Theological College, Catholic University of America, in Washington, DC from 1962 until 1966; and

WHEREAS, On May 28, 1966, Kenneth Doyle was ordained a Priest in the Diocese of Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Following his ordination, Reverend Kenneth Doyle served his community with much loyalty and devotion in numerous capacities including Instructor in Religion at Cardinal McCloskey High School, Associate Pastor of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Editor of The Evangelist; and Chaplain of both Kenwood Academy of the Sacred Heart and Doane Stuart School; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Reverend Kenneth Doyle served St. John's Parish in Valatie, New York, as a Weekend Parish Associate; Bureau Chief for the National Catholic News Service in Rome, Italy; Information Officer of the United States Catholic Conference, Washington, DC; Director of Government Relations, New York State Catholic Conference, Albany, New York; and Director for Media Relations, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his seminary training, Reverend Kenneth Doyle attended Albany Law School, obtaining his Juris Doctor in 1978;

subsequently, he was admitted to the New York State Bar; and

WHEREAS, In 2016, after 50 years of in the Priesthood, Reverend Kenneth Doyle retired as the Pastor of the Parish of Mater Christi, Albany, New York, a position he had held since 1992; and

WHEREAS, As Pastor, Reverend Kenneth Doyle was instrumental in overseeing the construction and opening of the Mater Christi, the last church to have been built in the Diocese; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Kenneth Doyle 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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Reverend Kenneth Doyle upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2017 Third Age Achievement Award in Health and Human Services by Senior Services of Albany; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reverend Kenneth Doyle.