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Senate Resolution No. 2551

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Sister Maureen Denn upon the occasion of celebrating her 60th Anniversary as a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet

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 and organizations which distinguish themselves through their unremitting commitment and service to humanity; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Sister Maureen Denn (Sister Mary Edward) upon the occasion of celebrating her 60th Anniversary as a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet; and

WHEREAS, Raised in Utica, New York, a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and a graduate of St. Francis de Sales High School, Sister Maureen Denn entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Joseph on March 19, 1957; and

WHEREAS, Sister Maureen Denn earned a Bachelor's degree in Spanish from The College of Saint Rose and a Master's degree in Spanish from Case Western Reserve University; and

WHEREAS, Sister Maureen Denn began her ministry in the field of education, during which time she taught religion and Spanish in schools within the Syracuse and Albany Dioceses including St. Lucy's High School, Syracuse, and St. Francis de Sales High School, Utica; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Sister Maureen Denn was in parish and catechetical ministry at St. Bartholomew's Parish in Norwich, Our Lady of Angels Parish in Endwell, and St. Agnes Parish in Utica; and

WHEREAS, For nearly three decades, Sister Maureen Denn served as chaplain at Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare in Utica; presently, she is a funeral-ministries assistant at Nunn & McGrath Funeral Directors in Utica; and

WHEREAS, Singular in distinction is Sister Maureen Denn, whose service to her church and her people, and her involvement in her community mirror a commitment of compelling dimension; 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 congratulate Sister Maureen Denn upon the occasion of celebrating her 60th Anniversary as a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sister Maureen Denn.