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Senate Resolution No. 2570

BY: Senator JACOBS

HONORING Sister Benedicta Dega upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award by the McGuire Group's Autumn View Health Care Facility

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Sister Benedicta Dega upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award by the McGuire Group's Autumn View Health Care Facility, celebrated at its 24th Annual Volunteer Recognition and Award Luncheon; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Hamburg, New York, Sister Benedicta Dega is being recognized with this auspicious award for her steadfast and unwavering dedication to the betterment of her community, serving as an

outstanding example to its residents; and

WHEREAS, Called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors, Sister Benedicta Dega has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, For the last two years, Sister Benedicta Dega has graciously served as a volunteer at the McGuire Group Autumn View Health Care Facility, providing room-to-room spiritual visits and communion through the facility's Journeys palliative care program; and

WHEREAS, Sister Benedicta Dega has made more than 14,000 visits, providing weekly communion services, Stations of the Cross, bed side visits, bible studies, and spiritual counseling for the residents, their family members and staff; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Sister Benedicta Dega has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Sister Benedicta Dega has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, 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 Sister Benedicta Dega upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award by the McGuire Group's Autumn View Health Care Facility; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sister Benedicta Dega.