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Senate Resolution No. 205

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Reverend Michael A. Farano upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Catholic Charities Community Maternity Services on October 18, 2018

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 honor Reverend Michael A. Farano upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Catholic Charities Community Maternity Services (CMS) at its Annual Celebration of Life on Thursday, October 18, 2018 at Wolfert's Roost Country Club, Menands, New York; in addition, CMS will commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Farano Center for Children and Father Farano's Jubilee; and

WHEREAS, Father Michael A. Farano was instrumental in opening the Farano Center, the first licensed group home in New York State providing care for young children afflicted with HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, He and Sister Maureen Joyce (then Executive Director of CMS) traveled to New York City hospitals and helped move the first children to the Farano Center in Albany where they were welcomed and cared for by a compassionate staff; and

WHEREAS, Father Michael A. Farano remained involved in the program frequently visiting the staff and children at the Center and lending whatever support was needed; and

WHEREAS, Over the past three decades, the Farano Center has undergone numerous transformations and today it serves children with mental health, behavioral or emotional needs who have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect; and

WHEREAS, The one thing that has not changed is Father Farano's commitment to the children who call the Farano Center "home"; his generosity and ongoing friendship have helped improve the quality of life for those in the Center's care; 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; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when a person of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention it is appropriate to publicly and jubilantly proclaim and commend that individual for the edification of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Reverend Michael A. Farano upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Catholic Charities Community Maternity Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reverend Michael A. Farano.