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Senate Resolution No. 225

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMEMORATING the 95th Anniversary of Sacred Heart of Jesus-Holy Cross, Polish National Catholic Church in New York Mills, New York

WHEREAS, Religious institutions, and the many spiritual, social, and educational benefits they confer, play a vital role in the development of the moral fabric of a responsible citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of the State of New York to pay tribute to those institutions and individuals who have contributed to the ethical values of their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes pleasure in commemorating the 95th Anniversary of Sacred Heart of Jesus-Holy Cross, Polish National Catholic Church, to be celebrated at a banquet on Sunday, September 9, 2018, at the Roselawn Restaurant in New York Mills, New York; and

WHEREAS, Prior to this special event, The Right Reverend Bernard Nowicki, Bishop of the Central Diocese, will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to six young parishioners during a Thanksgiving Holy Mass; and

WHEREAS, In addition, A Memoriam Plaque will be initiated to connect the past and the present members of Sacred Heart of Jesus-Holy Cross, Polish National Catholic Church (PNCC); and

WHEREAS, Both the Sacred Heart of Jesus PNCC in New York Mills and the Holy Cross PNCC of Utica, New York, held their first services in January of 1923; and

WHEREAS, On April 5, 1987, over six decades later, the two churches merged together and became one undivided church community; and

WHEREAS, The Sacred Heart of Jesus-Holy Cross, PNCC stands on the threshold of tomorrow, prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades, while retaining that spiritual resolve which characterizes its past; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of enduring religious institutions and to bring such institutions to the attention of the people of this Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 95th Anniversary of Sacred Heart of Jesus-Holy Cross, Polish National Catholic Church in New York Mills, New York, confident that this commemoration reflects the belief in those values which enhance the dignity and purpose of life; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Very Reverend Walter M. Madej, Pastor, Sacred Heart of Jesus-Holy Cross, Polish National Catholic Church.