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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Reverend Dr. Dwayne Mau upon the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of his ordination

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 sense 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Reverend Dr. Dwayne Mau upon the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of his ordination; and

WHEREAS, The son of the late Reverend John and Leona Mau, Reverend Dr. Dwayne Mau received his early education in Bromall, Pennsylvania and graduated from Lutheran High School South in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Dwayne Mau attended college at Concordia College in Milwaukee, Concordia University in River Forest before receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree from Concordia Senior College in Fort Wayne; and

WHEREAS, A 1968 graduate of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Reverend Dr. Dwayne Mau served his vicarage at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Denver and on the staff of Holden Village in Washington after completing seminary; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Dwayne Mau also received a Master's degree in Education from Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond and a Doctor of Law degree from Concordia College in Bronxville and pursued additional study at New York Theological Seminary, the New York Institute of Technology, the National Teacher Education Project Search

Institute, the Mid-Atlantic Committee for Training and Consultation, Effectiveness Training, The Industrial Areas Foundation, the Albany Institute, Lancaster Seminary and the Youth and Family Institute; and WHEREAS, Ordained on June 29, 1969, Reverend Dr. Dwayne Mau was called as Assistant Pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Plainview, Long Island; he later served as Pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Flushing, the Administrator of the Lutheran School in Flushing and Project Director for the Joint Lutheran School Project; and WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Dwayne Mau was called to the Atlantic District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in 1979 as Staff Executive for Education; in 1981, he became Staff Executive for Mission and Education, a multi-portfolio of responsibility for Lutheran Schools, Parish Education, New Church Development, Youth Ministry, Outreach and grant writing; and WHEREAS, During his tenure with the Atlantic District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Reverend Dr. Dwayne Mau chaired the Task Force on Urban Ministry for the Mission Board, was a member of the Task Force on Lutheran Schools - 21st Century and the Task Force on Lay Ministry and Alternative Routes to Pastoral Ministry, co-developed the Timothy Series, led an Urban Mission Tour in New York and was a key leader in the development of Distance Education Leading to Ordination; and WHEREAS, In 1995, Reverend Dr. Dwayne Mau was called as Pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Monroe, New York; under his leadership, the congregation expanded the school to include Kindergarten and First Grade and began a Saturday Evening Service; and WHEREAS, The author of OUR CHANGING WORLD - LUTHERAN SCHOOL 21ST CENTURY, Reverend Dr. Dwayne Mau has written several articles that have appeared in books and LUTHERAN EDUCATION, ISSUES IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION; he has also served as a keynote speaker and presenter at numerous teachers' conferences and pastoral conferences in many districts of the Synod; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Reverend Dr. Dwayne Mau has served on numerous local and regional ministries; he was Chairman of the Brooklyn-Queens Conference of Pastors and Principals and served on the Governing Boards of Martin Luther High School in Maspeth, the Lutheran Ministry in Higher Education in New York City, the Lutheran Schools Association of Metro New York, the Center for Urban Education Ministry in Bronxville and East Coast Common Endeavor; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Reverend Dr. Dwayne Mau served as President of the Queens Citizen's Organization, Chaplain to the Lakeside Fire and Rescue Co., on the Wartburg Lutheran Services Board, the Lutheran Care Center at Concord Village in Poughkeepsie and Coburg Village in Clifton Park and was active in the development of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh; and

WHEREAS, With Reverend Dr. Dwayne Mau throughout have been his wife, Jan, and their two children, Joy Lyn and David John and his wife, Aylene, and their grandson, David, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Dwayne Mau 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, 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 commend Reverend Dr. Dwayne Mau upon the occasion of the 40th Anniver-

sary of his ordination, noting his unrelenting and compassionate faith and his exemplary service to God, man, and his community, and extending to him the heartfelt best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reverend Dr. Dwayne Mau.