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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Father Gaetano Thomas Baccaro upon the occasion of celebrating the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to celebrate the milestones of those within the State of New York who serve the spiritual needs of our citizens; and

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Father Gaetano Thomas Baccaro upon the occasion of celebrating the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated on Sunday, June 6, 2010, at a Mass to be held at St. Paul's Church in Oswego, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born on November 23, 1951, in Utica, New York, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Father Gaetano Thomas Baccaro attended pre-school at St. Stanislaus School, grade K through 8 at St. Agnes School and Proctor High School; and

WHEREAS, A 1973 graduate of St. Bonaventure University, Father Gaetano Thomas Baccaro was enrolled in pre-theology for one year at LeMoyne College and Aquinas House in Syracuse, New York; he attended Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora, New York, for four years prior to his Ordination into the Priesthood on June 8, 1985; and

WHEREAS, First assigned to the Parish at Our Lady of Pompeii in Syracuse, New York, in 1985, Father Gaetano Thomas Baccaro was subsequently appointed Chaplain at Rome Catholic High School; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Father Gaetano Thomas Baccaro was the Chaplain

for the Knights of Columbus, 3rd Degree and the Police Chaplain for the Rome police force; and

WHEREAS, In 1995, Father Gaetano Thomas Baccaro was appointed Pastor at St. John's Church in Liverpool, New York; he became Chaplain for the Liverpool Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, Appointed Pastor of St. Paul's Church in Oswego, New York, in June 2007, Father Gaetano Thomas Baccaro was appointed Vicar of the Northern Region in June 2009; and

WHEREAS, The hobbies of Father Gaetano Thomas Baccaro are cooking, carpentry and piano playing; and

WHEREAS, Spiritual guidance and nurturing are of great import to the vitality and well-being of all people and every community of this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Instrumental in that deliverance are those men and women of religious commitment who accept the responsibility of moral leadership and render the wisdom of human understanding; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Father Gaetano Thomas Baccaro upon the occasion of celebrating the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Father Gaetano Thomas Baccaro, Pastor, St. Paul's Church, Oswego, New York.