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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Reverend John C. Flynn, Pastor of St. Martin of Tours Parish, upon the occasion of his retirement on July 1, 2010 after decades of service to his faith and his community

WHEREAS, The character and richness of religious and community life in the Empire State are nourished and fulfilled through the faithful concern and selfless devotion of those who 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 who distinguish themselves and the ministry through their unrelenting commitment and preeminence of service; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Reverend John C. Flynn, Pastor of St. Martin of Tours Parish for the past 21 years, upon the occasion of his well-deserved retirement at the age of 81 on July 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, From his childhood and religious training in Yonkers, Reverend John C. Flynn went on to serve three Bronx parishes; and

WHEREAS, In 1962, he began working at St. Raymond's Church in the Parkchester neighborhood of the East Bronx, where, in addition to his many other responsibilities, he reached out to and conducted meetings for drug addicts; and

WHEREAS, In the late 1970s Father Flynn continued his dedicated service at St. Francis of Assisi Church in the Highbridge area of the West Bronx; and

WHEREAS, In 1989, Father Flynn became Pastor of St. Martin of Tours Parish at Grote and 182nd Streets in the Bronx, where among many other initiatives, he was motivated by the plight of young people to establish, in 1992, Save a Generation, a training program for at-risk Bronx

youth which teaches life skills, including how to find and keep a job, and strongly encourages them to complete school and to fight the temptation of drugs; and

WHEREAS, Father Flynn has brought to his ministry an overwhelming spirit of charity and compassion, acting from vision and enlightenment in addressing social issues and 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 them for the edification of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Reverend John C. Flynn, Pastor of St. Martin of Tours Parish, upon the occasion of his retirement on July 1, 2010, noting his unremitting and compassionate faith and his exemplary service to God, man, and his community, and extending to him the heartfelt appreciation of this Legislative Body, on behalf of the people of the City and State of New York for dedicating his life to improving the lives of the citizens of the Bronx; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reverend John C. Flynn.