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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 150th Anniversary of Grace Episcopal Church of Utica, 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 this State and this Nation to pay tribute to those institutions and individuals who have contributed to the ethical and spiritual values of their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes pleasure in commemorating the 150th Anniversary of Grace Episcopal Church of Utica, New York; and

WHEREAS, Grace Episcopal Church was organized as a parish in 1838; the first church was a frame building located at the corner of Broadway and Columbia Street; about twenty years later, the current site was purchased by Alfred Munson and given to the parish for "the new church"; with Mr. Munson's financial backing, Richard Upjohn, architect of Trinity Church in New York City, was engaged to design the present building; and

WHEREAS, Ably led by The Reverend John D. Stonesifer, Grace Episcopal Church continues to prosper today and into the future; and

WHEREAS, Grace Episcopal Church 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 150th Anniversary of Grace Episcopal Church of Utica, New York, fully 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 Reverend John D. Stonesifer, Grace Episcopal Church, Utica, New York.