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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 300th Anniversary of St. Peter's Church of Albany, New York, to be celebrated on April 21, 2012

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 300th Anniversary of St. Peter's Church of Albany, New York, to be celebrated at a Gala Cocktail Birthday Party on Saturday, April 21, 2012 at The State Room in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Three centuries after its founding, St. Peter's is still a vital community resource; in addition to being an active house of worship, the congregation services the larger needs of its community; and

WHEREAS, During the winter months, St. Peter's Church opens its doors as an overflow shelter for the Capital City Rescue Mission; and

WHEREAS, St. Peter's Church groups knit sweaters, hats and mittens to distribute in the community and year round collect food for the area food pantries; the youth group annually sponsors a dinner to raise money for a charity; and

WHEREAS, St. Peter's Church sponsors numerous events to help aid charitable organizations such as Doctors Without Borders and the Smile Train; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable congregation also supports The Schuyler Inn Shoe Boxes, The Crop Walk, Equinox, Adopt a Family For Christmas, The Uganda Orphans Program, Food for The Poor, the overflow shelter at First Lutheran Church and Bowling for Beds; and

WHEREAS, Culturally, St. Peter's Church has been a frequent host site for Albany's First Friday Arts Event; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, the highly regarded music program at St. Peter's Church enriches the community through weekly organ recitals and annually

presents major choral works always free and open to the public; and
WHEREAS, As an edifice, St. Peter's Church is an architectural masterpiece; it is one of three National Landmarks in the City of Albany, the others being the Capitol and City Hall; and
WHEREAS, St. Peter's 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 300th Anniversary of St. Peter's Church of Albany, New York, to be observed on April 21, 2012, 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 St. Peter's Church, Albany, New York.