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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Brian O'Shaughnessy upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Capital District Labor-Religion Coalition on May 16, 2012

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Brian O'Shaughnessy has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Brian O'Shaughnessy upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Capital District Labor-Religion Coalition, to be celebrated at its 15th Annual Memorial Awards Dinner on Wednesday, May 16, 2012, at the Polish American Citizens Club in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Catholic Central High School in 1963, Brian O'Shaughnessy entered the seminary and was ordained a Catholic priest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, serving from 1971 to 1988 as teacher, counselor, chaplain, coordinator of the Peace and Justice Commission, Refugee Resettlement director and parish associate; and

WHEREAS, From 1988-1994, Brian O'Shaughnessy worked as Tenant Advocate at a Federal Housing Development in Troy, New York, where he also lived from 1973-1993; and

WHEREAS, Brian O'Shaughnessy's third career began in 1994 when he became the first coordinator, and then Executive Director, of the Labor-Religion Coalition of New York State, serving until the beginning of 2012; and

WHEREAS, For over 40 years, Brian O'Shaughnessy has led numerous organizations including: New York DIVEST, Capital District Community Loan Fund, Employee Ownership Project of the Albany Region, Solidarity Housing of the Capital Region, Capital District INFAC, Hudson-Adirondack Spirituality Center, Capital District Worker Center, and the Troy Neighbor to Neighbor Program; and

WHEREAS, Brian O'Shaughnessy has also served on local boards, such as Troy Area United Ministries, statewide boards, such as the Public Policy Committee of the New York State Conference of Bishops, and national boards, such as Sweatfree Communities; and

WHEREAS, Brian O'Shaughnessy has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Brian O'Shaughnessy has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Brian O'Shaughnessy has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Brian O'Shaughnessy upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Capital District Labor-Religion Coalition on May 16, 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Brian O'Shaughnessy.