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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of St. Mary's Church of Clinton, New York, to be celebrated on January 5, 2013

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 100th Anniversary of St. Mary's Church of Clinton, New York, to be celebrated with a Vigil Mass on Saturday, January 5, 2013; and

WHEREAS, St. Mary's congregation held worship at several locations before finally laying the cornerstone for its present home on June 12, 1910, under the leadership of Reverend James O'Reilly; and

WHEREAS, More than two years later, on January 5, 1913, the dedication for this magnificent structure was officiated by Bishop Grimes of the Diocese of Syracuse; and

WHEREAS, St. Mary's Church is built of red Medina sandstone and stands as one of the most beautiful churches in its diocese; and

WHEREAS, St. Mary'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 100th Anniversary of St. Mary's Church of Clinton, New York, to be observed on January 5, 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. Mary's Church, Clinton, New York.