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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 140th Anniversary of Sacred Heart Parish

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and pay tribute to those sacred institutions whose historic significance has contributed to the culture and traditions of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 140th Anniversary of Sacred Heart Parish; this momentous occasion was celebrated on Sunday, October 19, 2014, at Wolfert's Roost Country Club, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Established on August 5, 1874, the first parish church was a temporary wooden building at 25 Erie Street, constructed in just one week by parishioners under the direction of Father Maguire; the congregation assembled there for the first time on August 16, 1874; and

WHEREAS, Two years later, in 1876, the cornerstone of the permanent Sacred Heart Parish was laid at Walter and North Second Streets; the church was completed, and dedicated on May 23, 1880; and

WHEREAS, Sacred Heart Parish absorbed St. Joseph's Parish in 1994, which included the Vietnamese Apostolate; these parishioners immediately became a vital part of the parish; and

WHEREAS, Sacred Heart Parish has remained important to the community as it evolved through the years; its former convent is now a veterans home, and its rectory, now known as Mercy House, is currently used by Catholic Charities to provide housing to homeless women; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Sacred Heart's Soup Kitchen serves more than 3,000 meals each year, and its Food Pantry assists more than 700 households; and

WHEREAS, Sacred Heart Parish 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 140th Anniversary of Sacred Heart Parish; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sacred Heart Parish, Albany, New York.