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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring The Reverend Kenneth J. Doyle upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Parish of Mater Christi on April 18, 2015

WHEREAS, The character and richness of religious and community life in this noble Empire State is nourished and fulfilled through the faithful concern and selfless devotion of those who would commit their energies and purpose to the ministry of others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to bring full recognition and just tribute to those individuals and organizations which distinguish themselves through their unremitting commitment and service to humanity; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor The Reverend Kenneth J. Doyle upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Parish of Mater Christi to be celebrated at its 9th Annual Spring Fling on Saturday, April 18, 2015, at the Albany Country Club, Voorheesville, New York; and

WHEREAS, The congregation of Mater Christi is also elated to wish Reverend Kenneth J. Doyle a very Happy 75th Birthday; may this special day be just the beginning of a year filled with happy memories, and many wonderful moments; and

WHEREAS, Born on April 3, 1940, in Troy, New York, to W. Kenneth and Sallie Doyle, Kenneth J. Doyle graduated from Catholic Central High School, Valedictorian for the Class of 1957; and

WHEREAS, Following high school, Kenneth J. Doyle attended Mater Christi Seminary and graduated two years later with an Associate of Arts degree; furthering his education, he studied at Basselin College at the Catholic University of America, in Washington, DC, obtaining his Master

of Arts degree in Philosophy in 1962; he also studied at Theological College, Catholic University of America, in Washington, DC from 1962 until 1966; and

WHEREAS, On May 28, 1966, Kenneth J. Doyle was ordained a Priest at the Diocese of Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Following his ordination, Reverend Kenneth J. Doyle served his community with much loyalty and devotion in numerous capacities including Instructor in Religion at Cardinal McCloskey High School, Associate Pastor of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Editor of THE EVANGELIST; and Chaplain of both Kenwood Academy of the Sacred Heart and Doane Stuart School; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Reverend Kenneth J. Doyle served St. John's Parish in Valatie, New York, as a Weekend Parish Associate; Bureau Chief for the National Catholic News Service in Rome, Italy; Information Officer of the United States Catholic Conference, Washington, DC; Director of Government Relations, New York State Catholic Conference, Albany, New York; and Director for Media Relations, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his seminary training, Reverend Kenneth J. Doyle attended Albany Law School, obtaining his Juris Doctor in 1978; subsequently, he was admitted to the New York State Bar; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Reverend Kenneth J. Doyle is the Pastor of the Parish of Mater Christi, Albany, New York, a position he has held since 1992, as well as Chancellor, since 2000, for Public Information, Diocese of Albany; and

WHEREAS, As Pastor, Reverend Kenneth J. Doyle was instrumental in overseeing the construction and opening of the Mater Christi, the last church to have been built in the Diocese; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Kenneth J. Doyle has brought to his ministry an overwhelming spirit of charity and compassion, acting from vision and enlightenment in conducting his administrative and spiritual duties,

while always displaying the highest standards of personal and professional integrity and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Today, he serves as Chairman of the Albany County Airport Authority Board, and a Board Member of St. Peter's Health Partners; Reverend Kenneth J. Doyle is also the author of a question and answer weekly column circulated in more than 100 Catholic publications; and WHEREAS, This distinguished man of God has always given enlightenment, guidance and wisdom to the many entrusted to his care and has administered abundantly and unstintingly to the spiritual and corporal needs of all; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when a person of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention it is appropriate to publicly and jubilantly proclaim and commend that individual for the edification of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend The Reverend Kenneth J. Doyle, noting his unrelenting and compassionate faith and his exemplary service to God, man, and his community, and extending to him best wishes on a very Happy Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Reverend Kenneth J. Doyle.