

## 2015-J1782

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Father Dominick F. Cutrone upon the occasion of celebrating the 60th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on June 7, 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 custom of this Legislative Body to bring full recognition and just tribute to those individuals who distinguish themselves and the ministry through their unremitting commitment and preeminence of service; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Father Dominick F. Cutrone upon the occasion of celebrating the 60th Anniversary of his Ordination to be celebrated at a reception held in his honor on Sunday, June 7, 2015, in the Father Cutrone Gym at Our Lady of Grace Parish, Gravesend, Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Born on January 24, 1930, Dominick F. Cutrone was raised alongside his brother and sister in Brooklyn, and graduated from Holy Trinity Diocesan High School, Hicksville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Dominick F. Cutrone furthered his education by earning his Bachelor's degree from St. John's College, Jamaica, New York, as well as a Master's degree in Counseling and Guidance from Fordham University, New York City; and

WHEREAS, On June 4, 1955, Dominick F. Cutrone was ordained into the Priesthood at St. James Cathedral, Brooklyn, and celebrated his first Mass on June 5, 1955, at St. Catherine of Genoa, Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Prior to serving the congregation of Our Lady of Grace,

Father Dominick F. Cutrone successfully completed several assignments at various churches, including St. Bernadette, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. Finbar and St. Agnes; in 1983, he was selected to lead his current parish; and

WHEREAS, As the dedicated and loving Pastor of Our Lady of Grace, Father Dominick F. Cutrone is responsible for the spiritual guidance of his parishioners and for the welfare of all the priests and religious individuals under his care; in addition, he organizes the day-to-day operations of running the parish, its buildings, equipment, employees and all fiscal responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, Father Dominick F. Cutrone has been a member of Community Board No. 15 since 1988; he was elected to the Presbyterial Council in 1992, and continues to meet with Bishop Daily each month to advise him about current events regarding the parish; and

WHEREAS, For the past 60 years, Father Dominick F. Cutrone has rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Catholic Church, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his congregation, diocese, and community; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as spiritual leader of Our Lady of Grace Parish, Father Dominick F. Cutrone serves with loyalty, honor and distinction, and is governed by a keen sense of duty and always shows a unique grasp of human problems in his official acts; and

WHEREAS, Father Dominick F. Cutrone 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, 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Father Dominick F. Cutrone upon the occasion of celebrating the 60th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood to be celebrated on June 7, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Father Dominick F. Cutrone.