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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Reverend Deacon Mavourneen Hubbard upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Orange County Human Rights Commission on May 28, 2015

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Reverend Deacon Mavourneen Hubbard upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Orange County Human Rights Commission, to be celebrated at its 20th Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, May 28, 2015, at The Fountains of Wallkill, Middletown, New York; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed woman has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; she is being honored by the Orange County Human Rights Commission in recognition of her steadfast dedication to her community and her work to build better relationships among diverse people, encouraging them to participate in community life on an equal basis; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Deacon Mavourneen Hubbard, affectionately known as Vonnie, graduated from SUNY Plattsburgh with a Bachelor of Science degree in Food and Nutrition and Dietetics; and

WHEREAS, An administrator in public education, Reverend Deacon Mavourneen Hubbard worked as the Director of Child Nutrient Programs for more

than 32 years until she retired in 2008; she continues to work part-time in child nutrition as school lunch manager for the Orange Ulster Board of Cooperative Education Director; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Reverend Deacon Mavourneen Hubbard formed her own school food service consulting firm and has been engaged by school districts across the Hudson Valley; and

WHEREAS, Active within the community, Reverend Deacon Mavourneen Hubbard serves as a steadfast volunteer for Loaves and Fishes of Newburgh where she has acted as chairperson and Vice chair; during her term, she was instrumental in securing a grant to study food insecurity in the City of Newburgh; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, Reverend Deacon Mavourneen Hubbard, along with three other local religious leaders, formed Abrahams Table, a not-for-profit organization specifically founded to provide lunches for children while school is closed for the summer; since its founding in 2011, Abrahams Table has served more than 115,000 meals to the children of Newburgh at 15 sites across the city; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, in 2013 when Shepherds Kitchen, the weekend soup kitchen in Newburgh was in danger of closing, Reverend Deacon Mavourneen Hubbard and a group of concerned community members came together to form a new management team; Shepherds Kitchen is still open and serving over 100 meals each weekend day; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Deacon Mavourneen Hubbard continues to advance human rights in Orange County, eliminating discrimination through her leadership and unwavering commitment to the community; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Reverend Deacon Mavourneen Hubbard 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 Reverend Deacon Mavourneen Hubbard has displayed throughout her 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 Reverend Deacon Mavourneen Hubbard upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Orange County Human Rights Commission on May 28, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reverend Deacon Mavourneen Hubbard.