

## 2015-J2177

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION, commending Father Patrick F. Healy upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Catholic War Veterans Post 386 on May 24, 2015

WHEREAS, Members of the Armed Services from the State of New York, who have served so valiantly and honorably in wars in which this country's freedom was at stake, as well as in the preservation of peace in peacetime, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend those who have served in times of active conflict, as well as those who have served in times of peace; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Father Patrick Healy upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Catholic War Veterans Post 386 to be celebrated at a dinner dance held in his honor on Sunday, May 24, 2015, at Colden Manor at Spruce Lodge, Montgomery, New York; and

WHEREAS, Prior to this event, Father Patrick F. Healy will concelebrate a Memorial Mass for deceased members with Father Scafidi at Sacred Heart Church, Newburgh, New York; after the service, the Catholic War Veterans Post 386 will conduct its traditional Memorial Observance at the Memorial Monument located at the front doors of Sacred Heart School; and

WHEREAS, Patrick F. Healy was born to Patrick F. Healy, Sr. and Catherine Walsh Healy; in 1939, he graduated from English High School, Boston, Massachusetts, and then attended Holy Angels Collegiate Institute, Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1943, Patrick F. Healy earned his degree in Philosophy from Oblate College, Newburgh, New York, and then obtained a degree in Theology from Oblate College, Washington, D.C. in 1947; in that same

year, he was ordained into the ministry; and

WHEREAS, Father Patrick F. Healy furthered his education by receiving a Master's degree in Diplomatic History from Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., and a Master's degree from Long Island University, Brooklyn, New York, as well as a Doctor of Religious Education Honorary Degree from Oblate College, Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Father Patrick F. Healy held the position of educator at both Bishop Fallon High School, Buffalo, New York, and Oblate College, Newburgh, New York; he then traveled to the Far East, and held the title of President of Oblate Seminary in Tokyo, and served at the University of Maryland, Far East Division, in Okinawa and Japan; and

WHEREAS, After his return to the United States, Father Patrick F. Healy proudly enlisted in the United States Army; he was first assigned to Fort Dix, New Jersey, and then was deployed with the 1/17th Artillery to Korea for 13 months; and

WHEREAS, From 1969-1971, Father Patrick F. Healy was stationed in Vietnam, and then went on to Germany with the 3rd Armored Division for four and one-half years; and

WHEREAS, Father Patrick F. Healy returned to the United States, and was assigned to Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, New York; he then went back to Japan and was based at Camp Zama; and

WHEREAS, In 1980, Father Patrick F. Healy once again returned home, and began serving in the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Father Patrick F. Healy then decided to take a sabbatical, and held the position of Pastor of St. Timothy's Church, Miami, Florida; he was then a Oblate Resident in Tewksbury, Massachusetts, for four years; and

WHEREAS, In 1989, Father Patrick F. Healy returned to the United States Army, and consequently, was assigned to the Stewart Sub Post, West Point, New York, a position he officially retired from in 1999; and

WHEREAS, After his retirement, Father Patrick F. Healy served as Catholic Chaplain at the Soldiers Home in both Washington, D.C., and Chelsea, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Father Patrick F. Healy has demonstrated his love for his country and merits forevermore, the highest respect of his State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when veterans 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 commend Father Patrick F. Healy upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Catholic War Veterans Post 386 on May 24, 2015; and be it further

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