

## 2015-J2315

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the dedication of the Knights Templar Building on May 18, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality and character of life of the citizens of New York State are greatly enriched by the availability of exceptional community institutions which have become an important part of the history of our State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the dedication of the Knights Templar Building on May 18, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The Masonic Care Community of New York is the center diamond in a crown of properties owned and managed by the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Home and the Members of the Masonic Fraternity; its mission is to support, nurture and educate others by providing exceptional care in accordance with the Masonic Principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, Truth and Integrity; and

WHEREAS, The Masonic Care Community of New York opened its doors as the Masonic Home in May of 1893, and over the years, has been a safe haven and welcome place for tens of thousands of people; currently, it houses more than 500 seniors, and employs close to 900 people; and

WHEREAS, On May 18, 1915, the Grand Commandry of the Knights Templar for the State of New York, in conjunction with the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund dedicated the cornerstone of the Knights Templar Building which would become the first girls dormitory on the Utica Campus; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the past century, the Knights Templar Building has served in such capacities as an elementary school and the first location of the Occupational Therapy Department for senior members who lived at

the home; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Knights Templar Building continues to be a cornerstone of the Masonic Care Community Campus, housing the New York State office of the Royal Arch Masons and the DeMolay, as well as the Masonic Care Community Communications, Development and Marketing offices; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body that those institutions which enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the dedication of the Knights Templar Building; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Masonic Care Community of New York.