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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of South Fallsburg, New York to be celebrated on May 30, 2015

WHEREAS, Religious institutions, and the many spiritual, social and educational benefits they confer, play a vital role in the development of the moral fabric of a responsible citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of this State and Nation to pay tribute to those institutions and individuals who have contributed to the ethical and spiritual values of their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of South Fallsburg, New York to be celebrated with a Mass lead by the Right Reverend Allen K. Shin, Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of New York, followed by a Reception on Saturday, May 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion marks the Centennial Year of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, which was founded by the families of some of the very same people who continue to worship at this vital religious institution today; and

WHEREAS, The first services of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church were held at a private home in July of 1912; services were later held at the Fallsburg Fishing & Boating Club, and in 1914, land on Route 42 was purchased; just one year later, the ground under the church was dug out by hand and the undercroft was completed; and

WHEREAS, The church, which has been described as "in the vernacular style of the early Nineteenth Century," was physically built by the congregation and that hands-on feeling is still evident today, 100 years later; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission of outreach and giving back to

the community, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church has been running a very active food pantry open to Town of Fallsburg residents since 1999; in addition, its Chamber Music at St. Andrew's Series offers free concerts featuring world renowned musicians; and

WHEREAS, Affectionately known as the "small church with the big heart," St. Andrew's Episcopal Church is part of a four parish collaboration known as the Delaware-Catskill Episcopal Ministry that also includes Grace Church in Port Jervis, St. James' Church in Callicoon and St. John's Church in Monticello; and

WHEREAS, At present, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church stands humbly, prayerfully, meditatively, and joyfully; and

WHEREAS, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church stands on the threshold of tomorrow, by God's grace, prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades while retaining that spiritual resolve which characterizes its past; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of enduring religious institutions and to bring such institutions to the attention of the people of this Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of South Fallsburg, New York to be celebrated on May 30, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of South Fallsburg, New York.