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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Saint Mary of the Angels Church

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor and commemorate the proud and distinguished histories of the people and communities which comprise the noble body of this great Empire 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 Saint Mary of the Angels Church, which is located in the City of Olean, New York; and

WHEREAS, Saint Mary of the Angels began as a small-frame church, costing about \$300 to construct in 1855 with Father McKenna overseeing the construction; the Franciscan Fathers were given the responsibility of running Saint Mary of the Angels by Bishop Timothy, of Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, On September 19, 1858, Father Pamphilus da Magliano, OSF, Founder of St. Bonaventure College, placed the cornerstone of the new, wooden church on the corner of South First and West Henley in the City of Olean; and

WHEREAS, In 1913, the wooden church was moved across the street, where services continued; construction on a new stone church began in April of 1913 under the direction of architect Emile M. Uhlrich; the first cornerstone was laid by Bishop Colton on November 2, 1913; the church is built in the Gothic style and constructed of Pennsylvania marble from quarries in West Grove, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, The current stone church was completed on May 15, 1915, with Father E.J. Rengel laying the capstone; it is 150 feet long, with steeples reaching 150 feet high and costing \$250,000 to construct; and

WHEREAS, Saint Mary of the Angels was formally opened for divine services by Reverend Nelson Baker on September 26, 1915; with Cardinal

Patrick Hayes of New York City presiding, Saint Mary of the Angels was consecrated by Bishop William Turner on June 29, 1919; and

WHEREAS, The church remained in its original state until Christmas Eve 2012, when Father Gregory Dobson announced a \$2 million capital campaign to restore the church; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize and honor milestones in the history of churches large and small in this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Saint Mary of the Angels Church; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Very Reverend Gregory J. Dobson, VF, Pastor for Saint Mary of the Angels Church.