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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Father John Croghan upon the occasion of celebrating the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood

WHEREAS, The character and richness of religious and community life in this noble Empire State is nourished and fulfilled through the faithful concern and selfless devotion of those who would commit their energies and purpose to the ministry of others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to bring full recognition and just tribute to those individuals who distinguish themselves and the ministry through their unremitting commitment and preeminence of service; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Father John Croghan upon the occasion of celebrating the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood; and

WHEREAS, Father John Croghan has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, A native of Utica, Father John Croghan attended the parish elementary school at St. Francis de Sales, his home parish; upon graduating from Notre Dame High School in 1967, he studied at Wadhams Hall Seminary College; he completed his seminary studies at St. Bernard's Seminary and was ordained a priest on May 10, 1975; and

WHEREAS, Father John Croghan serves as Pastor at St. Mary's Church in Clinton, and as Newman Chaplain for the Catholic community at Hamilton College; prior to his illustrious career with St. Mary's, this esteemed man ministered at St. Margaret's in Mattydale and Our Lady of Sorrows in Vestal; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individ-

ual for the benefit of others which Father John Croghan has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, The spiritual guidance and nurturing of the citizens of the State of New York are of great importance to the vitality and well-being of our communities; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to bring full recognition and just tribute to men and women of religious commitment who accept the responsibility of moral leadership and render the wisdom of human understanding; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Father John Croghan upon the occasion of celebrating the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Father John Croghan.