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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Father Paul Madej upon the occasion of celebrating the 25th 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 Paul Madej upon the occasion of celebrating the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood; and

WHEREAS, Father Paul Madej 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 Paul Madej attended his parish's elementary school at Holy Trinity; upon graduating from Notre Dame High School in 1982, he studied at Wadhams Hall Seminary and Le Moyne College; he completed his seminary studies at The American College of Louvain in Belgium and was ordained on December 8, 1990 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Syracuse; and

WHEREAS, Father Paul Madej's first assignment was to serve as Associate Pastor of St. Margaret's in Mattydale, a position he held for five years; and

WHEREAS, With a true passion for those who are willing to serve our Nation in war and in peace, Father Paul Madej has been assigned to the

following United States Army Posts throughout his illustrious career:

Fort Campbell, Kentucky, deploying to Operation Enduring Freedom I and Operation Iraqi Freedom I; Wiesbaden, Germany, deploying to Bosnia; Fort Carson, Colorado, deploying to Operation Iraqi Freedom IX; Fort Jackson, South Carolina, training Army and Navy Chaplains of all faith groups; and Fort Irwin, California, managing training for mid-grade deploying Chaplains of all faith groups at the National Training Center, United States Army Garrison; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Father Paul Madej 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 Paul Madej upon the occasion of celebrating the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Father Paul Madej.