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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim October 18, 2015, as Catholic Daughters Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official days set aside to increase awareness of those illustrious religious organizations of the State of New York whose worthy endeavors have a substantial impact on the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim October 18, 2015, as Catholic Daughters Day in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) was founded in Utica, New York in 1903 by John E. Carberry and several other Knights of Columbus as a charitable, benevolent and patriotic sorority for Catholic ladies; originally called the National Order of Daughters of Isabella, it is dedicated to the principles of Unity and Charity, the Order's motto; and

WHEREAS, By 1908, CDA had 90 courts and had grown from a membership of less than 100 to more than 10,000; this membership encompassed 69 cities in 18 different states; in March of 1913, this vital organization purchased a building in Utica belonging to the Knights of Columbus for use as its official headquarters; and

WHEREAS, One of the oldest and largest organizations of Catholic women in the United States, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas donate to charities, administer scholarship programs, and strive to be helping hands where there is pain, poverty, sorrow or sickness; and

WHEREAS, CDA has a continuous working relationship with Habitat for Humanity International in building affordable housing for those in need;

they were one of the first women's organizations to complete a house in Habitat's seven day "Blitz Build"; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas is a member of the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) and donates generously to the seminary training programs for priests at the North American College at the University of Louvain in Belgium; and

WHEREAS, After more than a century, CDA currently has nearly 75,000 members in 1,250 local chapters in 45 states across the country and in Puerto Rico, Mexico, Guam and the Virgin Islands; in addition, girls and young women ages 6-18 can join the Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas; and

WHEREAS, The Catholic Daughters of the Americas stands on the threshold of tomorrow, prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades while retaining that spiritual resolve which characterizes its past; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim October 18, 2015, as Catholic Daughters Day in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York and to the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.