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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, the Ninth Bishop of Rochester, New York, upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition for his many years of dedicated service to the Catholic Church and his community

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, the Ninth Bishop of Rochester, New York, upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition for his many years of dedicated service to the Catholic Church and his community by the Cultural Italian American Organization; he will be honored at its Annual Columbus Day Dinner; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, a group of good friends founded the Cultural Italian American Organization (CIAO) in an effort to accomplish two objectives, celebrate their Italian heritage and commit charitable acts in their beloved community of Auburn, New York; and

WHEREAS, True to its mission, CIAO strives to promote and enhance Italian American heritage and culture by supporting events and activities which benefit local charities, and to recognize achievements by area Italian Americans; and

WHEREAS, The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano has brought to his ministry an overwhelming spirit of charity and compassion, acting from

vision and enlightenment in conducting his administrative and spiritual duties, while always displaying the highest standards of personal and professional integrity and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Salvatore R. Matano was born in Providence, Rhode Island, on September 15, 1946, to Salvatore and Mary Santaniello Matano; he attended St. Ann Elementary School and LaSalle Academy in Providence, before enrolling in Our Lady of Providence Seminary College in Warwick, Rhode Island, where he earned his Bachelor's degree in Philosophy; and WHEREAS, Salvatore R. Matano was ordained to the priesthood on December 17, 1971, by James Cardinal Hickey in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome; he attended the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, where he was awarded a Licentiate Degree in Sacred Theology in 1972, and later received a Doctorate in Canon Law in 1983, from that same university; and

WHEREAS, From 1972-1973, Reverend Salvatore R. Matano served as Assistant Pastor at Our Lady of Grace Parish in Johnston, Rhode Island; in addition, he was a faculty member of Our Lady of Providence Seminary High School in Providence from 1972-1977; and

WHEREAS, In 1977, Reverend Salvatore R. Matano was named Diocesan Director of Priests' Personnel, while residing at Our Lady of Providence Seminary in Warwick; three years later, he held the position of Assistant Chancellor for the Diocese of Providence; and

WHEREAS, From 1980-1983, Reverend Salvatore R. Matano pursued graduate studies in Rome, after which he returned to the Diocese of Providence, where he served as Vicar for Administration and Co-Chancellor until 1991; during this time, he resided at St. Augustine Parish in Providence; and

WHEREAS, After a year's service at the Apostolic Nunciature in Washington, D.C., where he held the position of Secretary to the Apostolic Nuncio from 1991-1992, Reverend Salvatore R. Matano returned to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Salvatore R. Matano was named both Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia and served at that post until 1997; he was then appointed Pastor of St. Sebastian Parish in Providence, a position he held until 2000; and

WHEREAS, From 1995-2000, Reverend Salvatore R. Matano was a Special Lecturer in the Undergraduate and Graduate Departments of Theology at Providence College of the Dominican Fathers; and

WHEREAS, In January of 2000, Reverend Salvatore R. Matano returned to the Apostolic Nunciature in Washington, D.C., where he held the title of Secretary to the Apostolic Nuncio until his Ordination as Coadjutor Bishop of Burlington on April 19, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Salvatore R. Matano was named Prelate of Honor by His Holiness, Pope John Paul II in 1985, and received recognition from the Holy Father again in 1993, when he was named Prothonotary Apostolic; and

WHEREAS, On November 6, 2013, His Holiness Pope Francis appointed Bishop Salvatore R. Matano as the Bishop Designate of Rochester, New York; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man was installed as the esteemed Ninth Bishop of Rochester at a Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester on the afternoon of Friday, January 3, 2014, a title he continues to hold today; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Salvatore R. Matano has visited many parishes throughout the first year of his tenure, making Auburn, New York, his first stop; this city has produced more priests than any other area in the Rochester Diocese; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished man of God has always given enlightenment, guidance and wisdom to the many entrusted to his care and has administered abundantly and unstintingly to the spiritual and corporal needs of all; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when a person of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention it is appropriate to publicly and jubilantly proclaim and commend that indi-

vidual for the edification of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, the Ninth Bishop of Rochester, New York, upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition for his many years of dedicated service to the Catholic

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Church and his community, noting his unremitting and compassionate faith and his exemplary service to God, man, and Rochester, New York, and extending to him the heartfelt best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano.