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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Sister Kathleen Appler upon the occasion of her election as Superioress General of the Daughters of Charity worldwide 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 custom of this Legislative Body to bring full recognition and just tribute to those individuals and organizations which distinguish themselves through their unremitting commitment and service to humanity; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Sister Kathleen Appler upon the occasion of her election as Superioress General of the Daughters of Charity worldwide community; this auspicious occasion was celebrated on Monday, May 25, 2015, at the General Assembly of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul in Paris, France; and

WHEREAS, In addition, a Meet and Greet celebration will be held in her honor on Sunday, September 20, 2015, at Club Monarch in Yorkville, New York; and

WHEREAS, A native of Whitesboro, New York, Kathleen Appler was the second of 10 children born in her family and a 1970 graduate of the Utica Catholic Academy; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Appler earned her Associate's degree in Liberal Arts from Maria Regina College and Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature from Sacred Heart University; she also completed a Master's degree in Elementary Education from SUNY Cortland and a Certification in Spiritual Direction from the Center for Spirituality at Work; and

WHEREAS, In April of 1973, Kathleen Appler accepted her religious

vocation, and entered the Community of the Daughters of Charity in Boston, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, For over four decades, Sister Kathleen Appler has ably served the Daughters of Charity in numerous important roles in the areas of education, administration, and vocation and formation ministries; and

WHEREAS, Sister Kathleen Appler taught for many years at a multitude of schools in such places as Syracuse, New York (Cathedral School, 1974-1975); Bridgeport, Connecticut (St. Ann's School, 1975-1979); Utica, New York (Our Lady of Lourdes School, 1979-1982 and 1985-1995); and Wilmington, Delaware (St. Peter's School, 1982-1985); and

WHEREAS, In addition, Sister Kathleen Appler served the community of St. John's Parish Center in Brooklyn, New York, from 1995 to 2000, and was local Superior of the borough from 1997 to 1999; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining the Daughters of Charity General Council in Paris in June of 2009, Sister Kathleen Appler served as Provincial of the former Northeast Province based in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, Sister Kathleen Appler became the first American in the history of the Daughters of Charity to be elected Superioress General of the worldwide community; she is also only the second person not from France to ascend to this esteemed position; and

WHEREAS, Elected to a six year term, Sister Kathleen Appler will provide leadership and guidance to 16,179 Daughters of Charity members operating in 94 countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished woman of faith has always given enlightenment, guidance and wisdom to the many entrusted to her 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 religious leaders of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention it is appropriate to publicly and jubilantly proclaim and commend that individual for the edification of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Sister Kathleen Appler upon the occasion of her election as Superioress General of the Daughters of Charity worldwide community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sister Kathleen Appler.