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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Albany Council of Catholic Nurses on April 16, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Albany Council of Catholic Nurses on Saturday, April 16, 2016, at the Normanside Country Club in Delmar, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Albany Council of Catholic Nurses is a nonprofit organization with a mission to promote, encourage and advance the spiritual and professional welfare of others, as well as to promote social contacts between Christian nurses; and

WHEREAS, On May 20, 1946, the then Albany Diocese Council of Catholic Nurses held its inaugural meeting with nurses attending from across the Capital Region; Bishop of Albany Edmund F. Gibbons and Father Pritchard presided, and the group's mission, motto, constitution and by-laws were developed and presented; and

WHEREAS, The Albany Diocese Council of Catholic Nurses' initial goal was to bring together all Catholic nurses in the Albany Diocese as its members, with each county having a Deanery with a Priest as its Spiritual Director who would hold meetings as needed; and

WHEREAS, During its early years, this esteemed service organization followed the values stressed by Bishop Gibbons which included Education, Volunteerism, Support, Social Events and Recruitment; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, the members of the Albany Council of Catholic Nurses rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to their community, and would often visit the poor and sick in their homes; nurses who performed such services a few hours a month became known as Apostolic Nurses; and

WHEREAS, The Albany Council of Catholic Nurses was associated with the National Catholic Nurses Association until 1970, when the national organization folded; in 2015, the council re-established its affiliation with the National Association of Catholic Nurses-USA; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Albany Council of Catholic Nurses holds numerous special events including its annual Christmas Banquet which began as a Christmas party to benefit the girls at St. Anne's Institute; the annual Summer Picnic is also held in appreciation of the religious sisters; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Albany Council of Catholic Nurses is in direct correlation to the efforts of its members, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by a deep spiritual commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous guidance of President Joan Ribley-Borck, this remarkable organization will continue to honor the traditions of its founders, and bring together Christian nurses in a spirit of charity for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Albany Council of Catholic Nurses on April 16, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joan Ribley-Borck, President, Albany Council of Catholic Nurses.