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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Deacon John Seymour upon the occasion of having the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Food Pantry of Newburgh, New York, renamed in his honor

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 commend Deacon John Seymour upon the occasion of having the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Food Pantry of Newburgh, New York, renamed in his honor; and

WHEREAS, John "Jack" Seymour proudly served his country as a member of the United States Armed Forces during World War II before answering the call to service as the beloved deacon at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Newburgh, New York; and

WHEREAS, After recognizing the need for services to help feed the hungry, Deacon Jack Seymour founded his parish's food pantry program to assist struggling families almost two decades ago; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Deacon Jack Food Pantry serves approximately 300 families in need who make use of its resources and facilities each week with the help of dozens of volunteers who graciously give of their time to help others; and

WHEREAS, Now in his 90's, Deacon Jack Seymour continues to attend food pantry events, ensuring that this worthy program will remain a valued source of assistance for members of the community for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a

period of constructive involvement, Deacon Jack Seymour has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Deacon Jack Seymour has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Deacon John Seymour upon the occasion of the renaming of the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Food Pantry of Newburgh, New York, in his honor; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Seymour, Deacon, St. Francis of Assisi Church, Newburgh, New York.