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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Reverend Philip A. Hearn upon the occasion of celebrating the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood of the Diocese of Syracuse, New York, on May 29, 2016

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 who distinguish themselves and the ministry through their unremitting commitment and preeminence of service; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Reverend Philip A. Hearn upon the occasion of celebrating the Golden Jubilee of his Ordination to the Priesthood of the Diocese of Syracuse, New York, to be rejoiced at a Mass on Sunday, May 29, 2016, at Saint Peter's Church, Rome, New York, followed by a Dinner at The Beeches Restaurant; and

WHEREAS, A native of Syracuse, New York, Philip A. Hearn graduated from Saint John the Evangelist High School in Syracuse, and then went on to study at Saint Jerome's and Christ the King Seminary; he later earned a master's degree in Religious Education from Fordham University in New York City; and

WHEREAS, On May 21, 1966, Philip A. Hearn was proudly ordained into the priesthood of the Diocese of Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, Reverend Philip A. Hearn was assigned to serve as assistant pastor at several parishes, including Our Lady of Lourdes, Syracuse; Saint John the Baptist, Rome; and, Blessed Sacrament,

Syracuse; he later served as pastor of Saint Mary's/Saint Peter's Parish in Rome, a title he still holds today; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Reverend Philip A. Hearn served as a member of the faculty of Rome Catholic High School, and as Principal of Bishop Ludden High School in Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Philip A. Hearn is credited for his many years of devoted service to Rome Memorial Hospital; he also served as co-Director of Vocations at Aquinas House in Syracuse and as Vicar Forane in the Eastern Region of the Diocese; 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 individual for the edification of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Reverend Philip A. Hearn upon the occasion of celebrating the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood of the Diocese of Syracuse, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reverend Philip A. Hearn.