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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 200th Anniversary of St. John's Episcopal Church of Monticello, New York, on April 30, 2016

WHEREAS, Religious institutions, and the many spiritual, social and educational benefits they confer, play a vital role in the development of the moral fabric of a responsible citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of this State and this Nation to pay tribute to those institutions and individuals who have contributed to the ethical and spiritual values of their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes pleasure in commemorating the 200th Anniversary of St. John's Episcopal Church of Monticello, New York, feted at a Bicentennial Anniversary Celebration Eucharist on Saturday, April 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, This momentous occasion was truly a joyful event; the St. James' Church Choir from Goshen, New York, opened the worship service by walking down the center aisle to the altar, followed by the Bishop of New York, the Right Reverend Andrew M.L. Dietsche, who sang "The Church's One Foundation"; and

WHEREAS, During Bishop Dietsche's stirring sermon, he spoke about the long and distinctive history of St. John's Episcopal Church, reminding its congregants about the faithful people who founded this remarkable Church in the Spring of 1816, and how much has been accomplished throughout its storied 200 year history; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous leadership of Vicar, Reverend Diana S. Scheide, St. John's Episcopal Church stands on the threshold of tomorrow, prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades while retaining that spiritual resolve which characterizes its past; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of enduring religious institutions and to bring such institutions to the

attention of the people of this Empire State; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to
commemorate the 200th Anniversary of St. John's Episcopal Church of
Monticello, New York, observed on April 30, 2016, fully confident that
this commemoration reflects the belief in those values which enhance the
dignity and purpose of life; and be it further
RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-
smitted to Reverend Diana S. Scheide, Vicar, St. John's Episcopal
Church.