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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring The Reverend Paul Angelicchio, Frederick A. Normand, and Monsignor Francis Culkin posthumously upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of a 2016 Francis J. Bellamy Community Award

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Paul Angelicchio, Frederick A. Normand, and Monsignor Francis Culkin have given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently have been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor The Reverend Paul Angelicchio, Frederick A. Normand, and Monsignor Francis Culkin posthumously upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of a 2016 Francis J. Bellamy Community Award by the Francis J. Bellamy Awards Committee, to be celebrated at its 4th Annual Awards Breakfast on Friday, September 9, 2016, at The Beeches, Rome, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Francis J. Bellamy Community Awards were established in 2013 to recognize outstanding Rome citizens who exemplify the ideals of Francis J. Bellamy, the author of the "Pledge of Allegiance," who was a Rome native; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Paul Angelicchio, Fred Normand, and Monsignor Francis Culkin were chosen for this esteemed recognition for their unparalleled character, generosity, and positive influence they have had on the community and its residents; and

WHEREAS, Native son and 1969 graduate of Rome Catholic High School, Reverend Paul F. Angelicchio, returned to his home town, and began serving as the Pastor of St. John the Baptist Church and Transfiguration

Church, Rome, New York; and

WHEREAS, Prior to this position, Reverend Paul F. Angelicchio held numerous pastoral leadership positions at various churches in Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born in Utica, New York, Frederick A. Normand retired in 1989 from Rome Lab where he worked as a Computer Scientist; since his retirement, he has volunteered his time and energy to numerous volunteer organizations including the Rome Capitol Theater, Rome Community Theater and the Rome Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Frederick A. Normand is a member of the Board of Directors and holds the position of Chairman of the Grant Committee for the Rome Community Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Born in Fulton, New York, Monsignor Francis Culkin happily served as a priest for more than 70 years before his death on March 23, 2016, at the age of 101; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his distinguished career, Monsignor Francis Culkin held the title of Episcopal Vicar for the Eastern Vicariate and was the spiritual leader at four of the six area parishes during his career: St. John the Baptist, St. Peter's, St. Mary's, all in Rome, and St. Joseph's in Lee Center, New York; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Reverend Paul Angelicchio, Frederick A. Normand, and Monsignor Francis Culkin have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Reverend Paul Angelicchio, Frederick A. Normand, and Monsignor Francis Culkin have displayed throughout their lives; 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 honor The Reverend Paul Angelicchio, Frederick A. Normand, and Monsignor Francis Culkin posthumously upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of a 2016 Francis J. Bellamy Community Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Reverend Paul Angelicchio, Frederick A. Normand, and to the family of Monsignor Francis Culkin.