

## **2013-J31**

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Saint Rosalia Regina Pacis Parish of Brooklyn, New York upon the occasion of its designation as a Papal Basilica

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 which have contributed to the ethical and spiritual values of their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Saint Rosalia Regina Pacis Parish of Brooklyn, New York upon the occasion of its designation as a Papal Basilica; and

WHEREAS, On November 9, 2012, a Papal Decree was signed at the Vatican formally creating the Basilica of Regina Pacis; there are only 74 Papal Basilicas in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, The Church was built as a vow to the Blessed Mother for peace in the world and for the protection of the men and women of our armed forces; this indicates why the motto name of the Basilica is "voto dicatum," which means "as a vow"; and

WHEREAS, This historic milestone completes the dream of Monsignor Angelo Cioffi, the builder of the Shrine, and the many people, who, in the late 1940s and early 1950s, generously helped to build this beautiful Church; and

WHEREAS, Denoting the title "Basilica" to a church building emphasizes the special bond of communion with the Holy See and the person of the Pope, in a sense becoming his Church; and

WHEREAS, The Papal symbols include an ornate ombrellino, a red and gold umbrella which is to be used to greet the Holy Father if he ever

visits, and a gold tintinabulum, a bell which is to be rung to alert the people of the arrival of the Pope; a large plaque showing the Coat of Arms of Pope Benedict XVI will be hung over the main entrance of the Basilica along with the Papal symbol of the Crossed Keys and Tiara which will be placed on the facade of the Basilica, which shall now forever be known as The Basilica of Regina Pacis; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Saint Rosalia Regina Pacis Parish of Brooklyn, New York upon the occasion of its designation as a Papal Basilica; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reverend Monsignor Ronald T. Marino.