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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Anna Ventura upon the occasion of her induction into Our Lady of Pompeii's Wall of Fame

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals of firm belief and commitment who have devoted their purposeful lives to the service of faith and community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Anna Ventura upon the occasion of her induction into Our Lady of Pompeii's Wall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Upon the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Pompeii Church, a centennial celebration will begin with a Mass on Sunday, May 17, 2009, offered by Bishop Edward U. Kmiec; immediately following will be a banquet at Salvatore's Italian Garden, where Anna Ventura will be honored; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong parishioner of Our Lady of Pompeii, Anna Ventura, 93 years young, has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in her unwavering service to her Church as well as the community and consequently has been designated for this most prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, Born in 1915, three years after her family emigrated from Italy, Anna Ventura is the third of eight children; she attended the congregation's parish school and received all of her sacraments from Our Lady of Pompeii; and

WHEREAS, A woman of singular distinction, Anna Ventura has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless endeavors on behalf of Our of Lady of Pompeii and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Anna Ventura taught at the Church's elementary school from

1961-1973; she later became the school's librarian, a position she held until 1993; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her service, a period of constructive involvement, Anna Ventura has 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 Anna Ventura has displayed throughout her life; 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 commend Anna Ventura upon the occasion of her induction into Our Lady of Pompeii's Wall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anna Ventura.