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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Brother James Liguori upon the occasion of his designation as the 2009 Westchester Business Leader of the Year by the JOURNAL NEWS and the Westchester County Association

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary careers, accomplishments, and purposeful lives of service to their community and their profession; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Brother James Liguori upon the occasion of his designation as the 2009 Westchester Business Leader of the Year by the JOURNAL NEWS and the Westchester County Association at its Spring Leadership Dinner to be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at Doubletree Hotel Tarrytown, Tarrytown, New York; and

WHEREAS, Brother James Liguori is the esteemed president of Iona College who is receiving this most prestigious honor in recognition of his extraordinary 14-year stewardship of the institution; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his esteemed tenure, Brother James Liguori has diligently served literally thousands of students, parents, professors, staff and community members, but mere years of service do not begin to measure his extraordinary contributions to Iona College; and

WHEREAS, Born in the Bronx and raised in New Rochelle, New York, Brother James Liguori attended Iona Preparatory, the high school run by the Congregation of Christian Brothers, and in 1965, he earned a Bachelor's degree in English from Iona College; and

WHEREAS, Education turned into a 44-year vocation for Brother James Liguori, who began his career as teacher, principal and superintendent at various school systems in the region; and

WHEREAS, As a visionary and major contributor to Westchester's economic vitality, Brother James Liguori exemplifies the Westchester County Association's tradition of business leadership; and

WHEREAS, New facilities opened under Brother James Liguori's leadership include the Iona College Arts Center, the Robert V. LaPenta Student Union, the Hynes Athletics Center, plus renovations of the science building and two new residence halls; and

WHEREAS, Brother James Liguori's efforts to improve Iona College's academic standing included starting an endowment for more than 23 scholarship funds and pushing for the accreditation of its academic departments; Iona was recently listed in THE PRINCETON'S REVIEW as one of the Best Northeastern Colleges; in a separate report, U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT ranked Iona as one of the top schools in the North; and

WHEREAS, Brother James Liguori has brought to Iona College an overwhelming spirit of compassion, acting from vision and enlightenment in conducting his administrative duties, while always displaying the highest standards of personal and professional integrity and dedication; 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 Brother James Liguori upon the occasion of his designation as the 2009 Westchester Business Leader of the Year by the JOURNAL NEWS and the Westchester County Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Brother James Liguori.