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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION celebrating the life and legacy of Brother George Larkin, O.S.F. to be recognized by St. Francis College at its 49th Annual Charter Award Dinner

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize those individuals of preeminent character whose unwavering faith and extraordinary lives exemplified the highest ideals of humanity and whose life-work and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to join St. Francis College in celebrating the life and legacy of Brother George Larkin, O.S.F. '60, who will be recognized at the College's 49th Annual Charter Award Dinner on Thursday, April 22, 2010, at the New York Marriott Marquis, New York City, New York; and

WHEREAS, James Larkin, son of James and Kathleen Maffar Larkin, was born in New York City on March 2, 1934; Brother George, who knew from a young age that he wanted to be a Franciscan brother, arrived at St. Francis College in 1971, after teaching at St. Francis Xavier Parish School, Bishop Ford High School, and St. Bartholmew's School, where he served as principal; and

WHEREAS, He received the Franciscan Habit and religious name "George" on August 15, 1951, and made his profession of vows two years later on August 25, 1953; his early training at St. Anthony's Juniorate and St. Bonaventure's Postulate in Smithtown, Long Island, prepared him for the life of teaching, coaching and mentoring which was his calling; and

WHEREAS, Brother George recruited and welcomed students to St. Francis College for nearly four decades; known for his patience, optimism and superb listening skills, he personified the Franciscan spirit; he extended love, compassion and genuine concern to all; and

WHEREAS, The very spirit of Brother George is reflected in the stained glass chapel windows of the College, etched in the School's stone and in the hearts and minds of all he has met; and

WHEREAS, Brother George Larkin passed away on August 17, 2009; in

honor of his memory a scholarship has been created in his name; and  
WHEREAS, This distinguished man of God always gave enlightenment,  
guidance and wisdom to the many entrusted to his care and administered  
abundantly and unstintingly to the spiritual and corporal needs of all;  
and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, and imbued with a sense of  
compassion, Brother George Larkin's life was a portrait of service, a  
legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a  
comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it  
RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to  
celebrate the life and legacy of Brother George Larkin, O.S.F. to be  
recognized by St. Francis College at its 49th Annual Charter Award  
Dinner; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be trans-  
mitted to the family of Brother George Larkin, O.S.F.