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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Sister Joan DiRienzo, MPF upon the occasion of her induction into Fontbonne Hall Academy's Hall of Fame

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, Sister Joan DiRienzo has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Sister Joan DiRienzo, MPF, upon the occasion of her induction into Fontbonne Hall Academy's Hall of Fame, to be celebrated on Wednesday, May 5, 2010, in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Sister Joan DiRienzo has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Sister Joan DiRienzo, MPF, was born and raised in Tuckahoe, New York; she has been a member of the Religious Teachers Filippini for 38 years; in addition to New York, Sister Joan has been missioned in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Ohio; she is in her 3rd year of service to her community as a Provincial Councillor; and

WHEREAS, Sister Joan received her B.A. degree in Education from Felician College, an M.A. degree in Religious Studies from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, and an M.S. degree in Education from Fordham University; and

WHEREAS, Sister Joan DiRienzo has served as the principal at St. Bernadette School for the past 11 years; in 2008, St. Bernadette School was named a No Child Left Behind National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, the only non-public school so awarded in New York State; and

WHEREAS, Passionate about Catholic education, Sister Joan feels that Catholic schools are the surest way of ensuring the future leadership of the Nation; in 2009, she received the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) Distinguished Principal Award for New York State; and WHEREAS, Currently, Sister Joan DiRienzo represents the elementary principals of Kings County on the Board of Directors for the Catholic School Administrators Association of New York State; she has served on the Elementary Principal's Advisory Council for the Diocese of Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Sister Joan DiRienzo has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Sister Joan DiRienzo has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Sister Joan DiRienzo, MPF, upon the occasion of her induction into Fontbonne Hall Academy's Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sister Joan DiRienzo, MPF.