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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending The Reverend Monsignor Jamie J. Gigantiello upon the occasion of his designation by the Italian Board of Guardians as the recipient of its IBG Humanitarian Award on May 11, 2011

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of organizations and individuals who distinguish themselves in their profession and in service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor The Reverend Monsignor Jamie J. Gigantiello, Pastor of Mary Queen of Heaven Roman Catholic Church in Old Mill Basin, upon the occasion of his designation by the Italian Board of Guardians (IBG) as the recipient of its 2011 IBG Humanitarian Award; and

WHEREAS, The Italian Board of Guardians is a non-profit social services agency; an affiliate of Catholic Charities (Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens), and a member agency of United Way of New York City and of the Human Services Council, it was founded in 1936 to address the emotional, educational, and social needs of the Italian-American community; and

WHEREAS, Each year IBG gratefully acknowledges those who support and work on behalf of its worthy endeavors; The Reverend Monsignor Jamie J. Gigantiello will be honored at the Italian Board of Guardians' Annual Bishop's Gala and 75th Diamond Jubilee Celebration, to be held at Russo's on the Bay in Howard Beach, New York on Wednesday evening, May 11, 2011; and

WHEREAS, A man of singular distinction, The Reverend Monsignor Jamie J. Gigantiello has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in his unwavering service to both his faith and his community; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his responsibilities as Pastor of Mary Queen of Heaven in Old Mill Basin, Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio has named Monsignor Gigantiello Vicar for Development and Director of the Office of

Parish Giving, which under his direction oversees all parish giving and increased offering programs; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor Gigantiello also serves as Executive Director for the Diocese of Brooklyn's Annual Catholic Appeal and, as Vicar for Development, he oversees the Alive In Hope Foundation, the Futures In Education Foundation, and the Futures in Education Endowment Foundation in addition to the Parish Giving Office; and

WHEREAS, Prior to studying for the priesthood, Monsignor Gigantiello earned a degree in business from The City University of New York's Baruch M. Baruch College and graduated from The Culinary Institute of America; for ten years, he worked in New York City's hotel industry in various managerial positions before entering Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington, New York; and

WHEREAS, After his Ordination in 1995, Monsignor Gigantiello served as Parochial Vicar at St. Patrick's Parish, Bay Ridge; five years later, he was assigned to Mary Queen of Heaven Parish where, after serving as Parochial Vicar for two years, he was installed as Pastor in April 2002; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his parish responsibilities, Monsignor Gigantiello remains active in numerous diocesan, community and city-wide organizations and events; he continues to serve on the Coordinating Committees for the Bishop's Annual Christmas Luncheon and the Futures in Education annual Scholarship Dinner; he is the clergy moderator for the

C.Y.O. Classic Golf Outing held annually at the North Hills Country Club as well, and he has served on a variety of civic and not-for-profit boards, including the Board of Directors of MERCY FIRST; and

WHEREAS, Following September 11th, the New York City Police Department made him an Honorary Chaplain in recognition of his work at Ground Zero and he continues to receive numerous awards for his outstanding community leadership; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor Gigantiello, in addition, ministers as Chaplain to the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission, the New York City Transit and Corrections Officers, and the Columbian Association of New York; he also serves as Spiritual Moderator for the Equestrian Order of the Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre Eastern Lieutenancy of Brooklyn and Queens and as Chaplain to area chapters of the Knights of Columbus, the Columbiettes, and the Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, under the direction of Bishop Caggiano, Monsignor Gigantiello assisted Monsignor Hernandez in coordinating the arrival and departure ceremonies for the Holy Father at Kennedy Airport during the Pope's visit to New York City; and

WHEREAS, He was also one of the leading members of Bishop DiMarzio's Committee that raised funds for the Italian Chapel which was recently dedicated at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals who have distinguished themselves in their profession and have faithfully served the needs of their community with diligence and compassionate commitment to improving the quality and dignity of life in the community are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor The Reverend Monsignor Jamie J. Gigantiello upon the occasion of his designation by the Italian Board of Guardians as the recipient of its 2011 IBG Humanitarian Award on May 11, 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Reverend Monsignor Jamie J. Gigantiello.