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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Reverend Monsignor Thomas More Coogan upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Bishop R. McGann Council No. 564 Knights of Columbus

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Reverend Monsignor Thomas More Coogan upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Bishop R. McGann Council No. 564 Knights of Columbus on Sunday, May 15, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The Bishop R. McGann Council No. 564 Knights of Columbus will host their 1st Annual "Priests Appreciation" Communion Breakfast/Brunch at St. Patrick's Church in Bay Shore honoring Monsignor Tom Coogan, who recently earned the Papal Honor of Monsignor; and

WHEREAS, Father Thomas Coogan grew up in St. Joseph's Parish in Garden City, New York, and attended Chaminade High School in Mineola graduating in 1987; he earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Loyola College in Maryland, followed by a Master of Arts degree in theology, and a Master of Divinity degree from the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, New York; and

WHEREAS, Upon ordination to the priesthood in 1997, Father Coogan was assigned to the Parish of St. Patrick in Bay Shore; in 2001, he was appointed Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Rockville Centre, and in 2007, Bishop Murphy appointed Father Coogan as pastor of the Parish of St. Patrick; and

WHEREAS, The following year Father Coogan was appointed the Dean of the Islip Deanery; he is also a member of the Pastors Advisory Board to the Diocesan Education Department and has been elected representative

for Deanery 10 to the Diocesan Presbyterial Council; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Reverend Monsignor Thomas More Coogan upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Bishop R. McGann Council No. 564 Knights of Columbus; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Reverend Monsignor Thomas More Coogan.