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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending John and Luisa Dutra upon the occasion of their designation by Saint Joachim Roman Catholic Church as the Honorees of its 32nd Annual Diamond Ball

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in New York State are greatly enriched by the faithful and generous service of those who devote themselves to endeavors of family, faith, and community; and WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend individuals of such magnanimous conduct and bearing who demonstrate a deep and continuing concern for others, and in so doing, inspire others to do the same; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor John and Luisa Dutra upon the occasion of their designation by Saint Joachim Roman Catholic Church of Cedarhurst, New York as the Honorees of its 32nd Annual Diamond Ball, to be held at The Sands at Atlantic Beach on Saturday, June 18, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Serving the Catholic faithful of Cedarhurst and surrounding communities, Saint Joachim Roman Catholic Church is an institution of long-standing repute and exemplary accomplishment; at its Annual Diamond Ball it recognizes, with great pride, those who exemplify its ideals and have helped to further its mission; and

WHEREAS, Cherished and respected members of the Saint Joachim Parish community, John and Luisa Dutra, the owners of Dunkin Donuts stores in Lawrence and Valley Stream, are well-known in the Five Towns as successful and highly respected business owners and entrepreneurs; and WHEREAS, John and Luisa Dutra are deeply rooted in both their Portuguese and their American cultures; they are members of many organ-

izations in the Five Towns and support and work on behalf of many worthy causes and endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Since the early 1990s, Luisa Dutra has been an active member of Hadassah, an organization which supports the Hadassah Hospital, a research hospital in Israel dedicated to helping and healing people of all faiths; and WHEREAS, It seems to many that the Dutra's "Dunkin Donuts" label appears everywhere in the community and their behind the scenes work and charity on behalf of their faith and those in need are well-known and much appreciated throughout the Five Towns and beyond; and WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to extend its highest commendation to John and Luisa Dutra for their dedication and service to the Saint Joachim Roman Catholic Church Parish community and to their faith and heritage; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend John and Luisa Dutra upon the occasion of their designation by Saint Joachim Roman Catholic Church as the Honorees of its 32nd Annual Diamond Ball on June 18, 2011; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John and Luisa Dutra.