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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 90th Anniversary of St. Anselm Roman Catholic Church of Brooklyn, New York, to be celebrated on Friday, April 20, 2012

WHEREAS, Religious institutions, and the many spiritual, social and educational benefits they confer, play a vital role in the development of the moral fabric of a responsible citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of this State and this Nation to pay tribute to those institutions and individuals who have contributed to the ethical and spiritual values of their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes pleasure in commemorating the 90th Anniversary of St. Anselm Roman Catholic Church of Brooklyn, New York, to be celebrated at its Anniversary Dinner Dance on Friday, April 20, 2012, at Gargiulo's Restaurant, in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Founded in April of 1922 by Bishop Molloy, the first pastor of the new parish of Saint Anselm was Father James J. Smyth; three names as parish patrons were suggested, including Sacred Heart, Epiphany, and Saint Anselm; the dedication to Saint Anselm was chosen because other parishes had already been established in the Diocese bearing the first two titles, and this was a way of honoring Bishop Molloy's alma mater, Saint Anselm College in New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, Father Smyth purchased the current Fourth Avenue parish property on May 23, 1922, as an ideal central location for the church; additional land was donated and the first Mass with over two hundred people in attendance was celebrated in the parlor of the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fitzgerald on Sunday, June 4, 1922, at the corner of 81st and Colonial Road; and

WHEREAS, St. Anselm Roman Catholic Church stands on the threshold of tomorrow, prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades while retaining that spiritual resolve which characterizes its past; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of enduring religious institutions and to bring such institutions to the attention of the people of this Empire State; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

commemorate the 90th Anniversary of St. Anselm Roman Catholic Church of Brooklyn, New York, to be observed on Friday, April 20, 2012, fully confident that this commemoration reflects the belief in those values which enhance the dignity and purpose of life; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to St. Anselm Roman Catholic Church of Brooklyn, New York.