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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church of West Babylon, New York

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 50th Anniversary of Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church of West Babylon, New York; and

WHEREAS, Many events are in the planning to celebrate this milestone, among them a golf outing, 15 month anniversary year calendar, a gala dinner and commemorative journal; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church will be holding a tulip festival and parade in April of 2012, which will commemorate both the parish and town history; and

WHEREAS, Established on June 21, 1962, Our Lady of Grace Parish was one of five parishes created by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre from what had been the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Our Lady of Grace Parish is noteworthy for its care of people with disabilities and for the poor and homeless; and

WHEREAS, The mission of Our Lady of Grace Parish is, "We change lives through the Risen Christ"; and

WHEREAS, Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church is in the business of changing lives; it helps its members to grow in compassion, generosity, and dedication to the common good; and

WHEREAS, Our Lady of Grace Parish serves others in the community with

practical help in putting food on the table and keeping a roof over their heads; it helps young people to become adults who will contribute to society's betterment; and

WHEREAS, The church also offers seniors a place to gather, builds bridges of understanding among different groups and comforts the grieving; and

WHEREAS, Our Lady of Grace Parish members change lives by visiting the sick, and helping to guide the perplexed; and

WHEREAS, Our Lady of Grace 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 50th Anniversary of Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church of West Babylon, New York, 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 Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church, West Babylon, New York.