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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 5th Anniversary of Mother Marianne's West Side Kitchen to be celebrated March 8, 2013

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 5th Anniversary of Mother Marianne's West Side Kitchen to be celebrated March 8, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The Mother Marianne's West Side Kitchen is located in St. Joseph - St. Patrick Parish Center in Utica, New York; this invaluable soup kitchen is named after Saint Marianne Cope O.S.F., the Franciscan sister who grew up in West Utica and devoted the last 30 years of her life to the lepers of Hawaii's Molokai; and

WHEREAS, Mother Marianne's West Side Kitchen is an all volunteer operation serving hot lunches, including soup and a sandwich; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Deacon Gilbert Nadeau, this benevolent project officially opened its doors in March of 2008, and continues to serve the community under the direction and guidance of Kitchen Supervisor, Vicki Montalbano as well as more than 100 devoted volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Mother Marianne's West Side Kitchen meets the needs of the working poor, the unemployed and the homeless within the Utica community, reflecting the spiritual values of mercy and charity which characterize Saint Marianne Cope's life's work; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice 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

commemorate the 5th Anniversary of Mother Marianne's West Side Kitchen,
and to wish the organization continued success in its future endeavors;
and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Mother Marianne's West Side Kitchen.