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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Church of God Christian Academy

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishments clearly demonstrate the pursuit of excellence in education and service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Church of God Christian Academy; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated on Friday, March 15, 2013, at the Coral House in Baldwin, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Arverne Church of God in Far Rockaway, New York, a non-affiliated and nondenominational Christian organization, established the Church of Christian Academy in September 1988; this school is located on the Rockaway Peninsula in a geographical area marked for and undergoing expansive community revitalization; and

WHEREAS, The Church of God Christian Academy has open enrollment; the school does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, creed, or religion; the school accommodates children from K-12th grade and provides an educational alternative for low-income families who cannot otherwise finance private education; and

WHEREAS, A particular emphasis is put on individualized needs, use of interactive computerized learning strategies, and development of communication skills; and

WHEREAS, The Academy uses the fully scoped and sequenced School of Tomorrow (A.C.E. Ministries) curriculum; this program, its history beginning in 1970, is designed to allow each student to work at his/her own level of achievement; and

WHEREAS, The students progress through the five basic academic disciplines, math, English, social studies, science and word building (etymology), in an individualized manner; in this way, the pressure and usual stress of keeping pace with a group, is removed; and

WHEREAS, The School of Tomorrow program provides for academic excel-

lence; graduate students from the program have been accepted in more than 400 colleges and universities, including military academies, ivy-league universities and technical colleges; and

WHEREAS, The Christian Academy is dedicated to providing a balanced curriculum to its students; its children are constantly challenged to a high standard of achievement and its programs offer students the opportunity to build character and leadership skills outside the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Students participate in community service and outreach events throughout the school year; the Annual Regional and International Student Conventions challenge students 13 and older to develop their ministry skills by competing in over 150 events in categories such as music, speech/drama, athletics, arts, and academics; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when an educational institution of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention, it should be recognized and applauded by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Church of God Christian Academy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Church of God Christian Academy.