

## 2013-J1008

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 85th Anniversary of Our Lady of Mercy Academy

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions of commitment and high achievement whose purpose and endeavors prove a dedication to the pursuit of excellence in the education of the young women of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 85th Anniversary of Our Lady of Mercy Academy, to be celebrated on April 26, 2013; and

WHEREAS, This fine event will take place at the Huntington Crescent Club in Huntington, New York, and will honor several distinguished honorees; they are: Joseph Salvo; Barbara Breen, Class of 1973; Marilyn and Michelle Martone, Class of 1994; Deacon Jerry and Suzanne Reda; and posthumously, Sister Jacqueline Walsh, RSM, Class of 1970; and

WHEREAS, In September of 1928, Our Lady of Mercy Academy (OLMA) opened its doors to a small class of young girls who were destined to be its first graduating class; since that time, more than 6,500 women have prayed in the chapel, sung Christmas carols on the marble stairs, competed for the coveted Sports Night titles, have been involved in thousands of service projects, and diligently studied to be accepted into competitive colleges; during those four years at the Academy, these special students became "Women of Mercy"; and

WHEREAS, OLMA is dedicated to providing a comprehensive education grounded in the charism of Catherine McAuley, foundress of the Sisters of Mercy; guided by the principles of Fides, Mores and Cultura, the faculty and staff educate young women within a compassionate environment to empower them to be authentic witnesses of Catholic values in the global community; and

WHEREAS, Ably led by Principal Joan Gordon, OLMA continues to prosper today and into the future; and

WHEREAS, Within the 21st Century, OLMA stands prepared to reach out, in earnest and enthusiastic quest of its mission, to promote the maximum

growth of every student, establishing standards and building skills which will carry its students and the citizens of its community into the future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 85th Anniversary of Our Lady of Mercy Academy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Principal Joan Gordon, Our Lady of Mercy Academy and to the aforementioned honorees.