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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Head Coach Tom Pugh upon the occasion of his retirement after 42 years of distinguished service to the Holy Cross High School Varsity Football Team

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend notable educators and athletic coaches who serve the youth of this great Empire State and who have distinguished themselves and their schools through outstanding commitment and exemplary athletic achievement; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of those outstanding educational leaders, whose dedication and achievements have been instrumental in developing character and academic excellence in the young people of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concerns, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Head Coach Tom Pugh upon the occasion of his retirement after 42 years of distinguished service to the Holy Cross High School Varsity Football Team; he officially announced his retirement on Friday, February 6, 2015; and

WHEREAS, A legendary signal caller, Tom Pugh possesses one of the most storied coaching careers in Queens Borough history; and

WHEREAS, As a young man, Tom Pugh played football at Elmont High School and at Emporia State University in Kansas; he went on to coach for four years with Chaminade as the Assistant Coach before becoming Head Coach at Holy Cross High School in 1973; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with the Knights, this remarkable leader recorded 215 career victories, including the 1977 New York Catholic High School Football League Championship; and

WHEREAS, Throughout more than four decades in coaching, Tom Pugh has

guided and mentored countless players who have gone on to enjoy successful collegiate and professional careers; and

WHEREAS, Tom Pugh will continue to help young people achieve success as a Guidance Counselor at Holy Cross High School; he will also remain in his position as Vice President of the New York Catholic High School Football League; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Catholic High School Athletic Association's Hall of Fame, Tom Pugh has received numerous accolades for his many notable accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Tom Pugh's positive demeanor, selfless commitment, and caring concern have contributed to his enduring success as a coach and mentor, earning him the just respect and admiration of his community, his peers, and the athletes he has so ably coached; and

WHEREAS, Coach Tom Pugh has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of the Holy Cross High School, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for his impressive dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Holy Cross High School Varsity Football Coach Tom Pugh upon the occasion of his retirement after 42 distinguished years in coaching; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Coach Tom Pugh.