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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Tom Raleigh upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Timothy J. Coughlin '76 Memorial Award for Outstanding Contributions to St. Mary's High School

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor those individuals of outstanding character within the State of New York who are dedicated to developing character and sportsmanship in our young people; and

WHEREAS, It is also the practice of this Legislative Body that individuals who distinguish themselves in service to their faith and community merit the highest commendation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Tom Raleigh upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Timothy J. Coughlin '76 Memorial Award for Outstanding Contributions to St. Mary's High School; and

WHEREAS, This momentous occasion, hosted by St. Mary's High School, was celebrated during the 22nd Annual Don Monti Memorial Golf Classic, on Thursday, September 25, 2014, at Plandome Country Club, Plandome, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Coughlin Family of Manhasset established the Timothy J. Coughlin '76 Memorial Award in 2003; the award is presented annually in memory of Timothy Coughlin, known for his perseverance and commitment to family, to bestow honor on a person who exemplifies the true spirit of Christianity through dedication to St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, and service to others; and

WHEREAS, A Floral Park, New York resident, Tom Raleigh joined the Nassau County Police Department in 1969; four years later, he was assigned to the rewarding job of overseeing the Manhasset Police Boys

Club; and

WHEREAS, For the next 17 years, Torn Raleigh oversaw almost all the athletic activity in the Manhasset community, which often coincided with initiatives at both Manhasset High School and St. Mary's Parish; and

WHEREAS, Tom Raleigh coached Freshman, Junior Varsity, and Varsity Boys Basketball at St. Mary's High School from 1982-1990; during his tenure as Coach, they won five championships; and

WHEREAS, Tom Raleigh also coached Boys Lacrosse at Manhasset High School and was a co-founder of the Manhasset Lacrosse Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Tom Raleigh served as a member of St. Mary's Parish Council, and helped found the Manhasset Youth Council; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his loving wife, Marilyn, his five devoted children, Tom Jr., Brian, Katie, Kevin, and Kristie Erin, and his 12 adoring grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career thus far, Tom Raleigh has brought an uncompromising standard of excellence to his work and a warm sense of caring and concern to every young person he coaches; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Tom Raleigh upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Timothy J. Coughlin '76 Memorial Award for Outstanding Contributions to St. Mary's High School; and be it further

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