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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating St. Mary School in East Islip, New York, for 100 years of Catholic Education to be celebrated at its Centennial Anniversary Principal's Gala on March 14, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those institutions and their leadership whose true purpose and faithful endeavors contribute significantly to the education and preparation of the youth who will comprise the future strength and vision of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate St. Mary School in East Islip, New York, for 100 years of Catholic Education to be celebrated at its Centennial Anniversary Principal's Gala at Chateau La Mer, Lindenhurst, New York, on Saturday, March 14, 2015; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious event will enable the St. Mary community to reflect on the founding philosophy and principles of the school, which is to nurture students in the Catholic faith as they pursue academic excellence, and pay tribute to Founder/Father Joseph Sinkmajer; and

WHEREAS, In addition, St. Mary School is excited to honor Fred and GinaMarie Bianculli and Joseph and Maureen Szabo, and to extend their utmost gratitude to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Reverend Donald E. Babinski, Principal Biagio M. Arpino, and the countless administrators, faculty and staff who, for the past 100 years, have instilled a faith-filled education in the lives of so many, and who continue to pave the way for our future leaders; and

WHEREAS, St. Mary School's 100th Anniversary will be feted throughout the year; this momentous occasion began on September 19, 2014, when Father Donald E. Babinski presided at a Mass for the students of St. Mary School; after the service, everyone viewed a wonderful presentation on the life of the school's founding father, Father Joseph Sinkmajer;

and

WHEREAS, On September 21, 2014, Bishop Nelson J. Perez, Auxiliary Bishop of Rockville Centre-Eastern Vicariate, concelebrated St. Mary School's 100th Anniversary Opening Liturgy; Sisters of Notre Dame Mary Henry Gatsby, Mary Teresa McGrory, Mary Adele Shea, and John Vianney Zullo, former teachers, staff, clergy, alumni, and current faculty and students gathered to celebrate this momentous milestone; and

WHEREAS, Numerous events commemorating St. Mary School's milestone will be held throughout the year including a holiday concert, a Night of 100 Careers, A Night with Father Charles Mangano, the first St. Patrick's Day parade and brunch, Arbor Day festivities, Taste of the Town, and a family and alumni barbecue; and

WHEREAS, Today, St. Mary School is under the luminous direction of Principal Biagio M. Arpino; throughout these evolving years of growth and development, St. Mary School has remained true to its commitment to provide optimal facilities for learning, the broadest range of professionally accredited programs, and the maintenance of an outstanding teaching faculty; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to join with St. Mary School in the celebration of its 100th Anniversary, recognizing, on this auspicious occasion, that the quality and dignity of life are empowered by the faithful and diligent efforts of such noble institutions of learning; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor and commend St. Mary School upon the historic occasion of its 100th Anniversary, noting the propriety of its goals, the constancy of its commitment and the significance of its accomplishments, in preparing the youth of today and the leaders of tomorrow; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Principal Biagio M. Arpino, and the aforementioned honorees.