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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Richard J. Warren upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Sisters of Mercy on May 19, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Richard J. Warren upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Sisters of Mercy to be celebrated at its 16th Annual Evening of Mercy Gala on May 19, 2015, at The Yale Club of New York City; and

WHEREAS, The Sisters of Mercy work passionately to eliminate poverty, the widespread denial of human rights, the degradation of earth, the increase in violence and racism, the continued oppression of women, the abuse of children, the mistreatment of immigrants and the lack of solidarity among people and nations; and

WHEREAS, In 1974, Richard J. Warren earned his Bachelor's degree from Syracuse University; three years later, he received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Miami Law School; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Richard J. Warren is admitted to the practice of law in New York and Florida, as well as the Federal Court of Appeals in the Eastern and Southern districts of New York; and

WHEREAS, Since 1977, Richard J. Warren has focused on child welfare law; he has represented foster care agencies and adoptive parents in thousands of cases in New York City Family Courts, as well as Courts

throughout the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Richard J. Warren has lectured on legal issues involved with the foster care system to attorneys, professionals involved with child protective work, and prospective adoptive parents; he is recognized throughout the City of New York as an expert in these matters and is frequently consulted by his peers, agency directors, and clients to provide advice on the most complicated legal matters; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his stellar career, Richard J. Warren has been trial counsel in thousands of cases in the Family Courts, among them the most complex and trend setting; and

WHEREAS, Richard J. Warren also represents corporations as general counsel, including not-for-profit corporations, educational institutions, and real estate developers; he routinely advises corporate executives, boards, and human resource departments on complex organizational and employment-related matters; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the well-being of his community, Richard J. Warren has served on the Board of Directors of several not-for-profit organizations as both a Director and an Officer; and

WHEREAS, Today, Richard J. Warren is the President and Managing Attorney of Warren & Warren, P.C., a law firm in downtown Brooklyn, New York, specializing in child welfare law, adoption, and not-for-profit corporate law; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 8 years, and his two children, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their

profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

commend Richard J. Warren upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Sisters of Mercy on May 19, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Richard J. Warren.