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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Frances Leek upon the occasion of her retirement after many years of distinguished service to St. Hugh of Lincoln Roman Catholic Church

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents 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 honor Frances Leek upon the occasion of her retirement after many years of distinguished service to St. Hugh of Lincoln Roman Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, Frances Leek began her illustrious career with St. Hugh of Lincoln Roman Catholic Church in Huntington Station, New York, as Assistant to Director of Religious Education in January of 1981; four years later she became the Assistant to Director of Parish Social Ministry before becoming its Director in 1988, the esteemed position from which she is retiring; and

WHEREAS, For the past 34 years, Frances Leek rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to St. Hugh of Lincoln Roman Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, As Director of Parish Social Ministry, Frances Leek oversees the daily running of the office, supervises clients and volunteers, designs and implements programs, and directly interacts with the parish and the community-at-large by serving on various local committees and boards; and

WHEREAS, In her capacity as the Director of Parish Social Ministry, Frances Leek served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Frances Leek has been instrumental in the implementation of such programs as, the Moms and Tots mentoring program, Lazarus Ministry,

Bread of Life Soup Kitchen, Bread of Life Development, Hospital Visitation, Homebound Reassurance Calls, transportation to church and medical appointments, as well as grant writing for food pantry and program funding; and

WHEREAS, In her official acts, Frances Leek was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, Active within the community she so ably serves, Frances Leek gives of her time and energies to Catholic Charities, the Department of Social Service Advisory Board, Habitat for Humanity, the Suffolk County Child Care Council, the Suffolk County Parent Leadership Program, and the Chamber of Commerce Roundtable for Health Centers; and

WHEREAS, In addition, she is on the Board of Directors of the Dolan Family Health Center where she serves as Vice-Chairman, as well as the Board of Directors of the Bread of Life Soup Kitchen, Bread of Life Development Corp., the Huntington Station Enrichment Center, and Huntington Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Frances Leek is the proud recipient of countless awards and accolades some of which include, the County Executive Leadership Award, the Paul Harris Fellow Award, and the Huntington Public Schools Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure with St. Hugh of Lincoln Roman Catholic Church, Frances Leek earned the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by Frances Leek over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Frances Leek upon the occasion of her retirement after many years of distinguished service to St. Hugh of Lincoln Roman Catholic Church, and to wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors; and be

it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Frances Leek.