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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Father Joseph Granata upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service as Pastor of St. Hugh of Lincoln Roman Catholic Church

WHEREAS, The character and richness of religious and community life in this noble Empire State is nourished and fulfilled through the faithful concern and selfless devotion of those who would commit their energies and purpose to the ministry of others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to bring full recognition and just tribute to those individuals who distinguish themselves and the ministry through their unremitting commitment and preeminence of service; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Father Joseph Granata upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service as Pastor of St. Hugh of Lincoln Roman Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, Born in Queens, New York in 1948, Father Joseph Granata attended Saint Anthony of Padula School in South Ozone Park before moving to Long Island in 1962, where he graduated from St. Pius X Prep Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Father Joseph Granata earned an associate's degree from St. Pius X College in 1968, as well as a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy from the Cathedral College of the Immaculate Conception in 1970; he went on to receive his Master of Divinity degree from the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington, New York, and also studied Spanish at the graduate level at the Catholic University of Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, Ordained a priest on April 5, 1975, Father Joseph Granata began his illustrious career in the ministry at St. John of God in

Central Islip; he served St. Rose of Lima in Massapequa from 1980 until 1984, and Infant Jesus in Port Jefferson from 1984 to 1988; and WHEREAS, Father Joseph Granata returned to St. John of God in 1988, where he remained as Pastor until 2003, during which time he became the Pastor of Our Lady of Fatima in Port Washington; two years later he began his service of Pastor of St. Hugh of Lincoln Roman Catholic Church in Huntington Station, the esteemed position from which he is retiring; and

WHEREAS, Named Monsignor in March of 2007, and Chaplain to His Holiness, Father Joseph Granata has brought to his ministry an overwhelming spirit of charity and compassion, acting from vision and enlightenment in conducting his administrative and spiritual duties, while always displaying the highest standards of personal and professional integrity and dedication; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished man of God has always given enlightenment, guidance and wisdom to the many entrusted to his care and has administered abundantly and unstintingly to the spiritual and corporal needs of all; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when a person of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention, it is appropriate to publicly and jubilantly proclaim and commend that individual for the edification of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Father Joseph Granata upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service as Pastor of St. Hugh of Lincoln Roman Catholic Church; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Father Joseph Granata.