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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Warwick Valley Fourth Degree Assembly of the Knights of Columbus on April 25, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those fraternal organizations of high purpose and worthy accomplishment whose endeavors have faithfully served the welfare of the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Warwick Valley Fourth Degree Assembly of the Knights of Columbus which was celebrated at a gala dinner/dance on Saturday, April 25, 2015, at the Clearview Winery in Warwick, New York; and

WHEREAS, At the 2015 celebration, Grand Knight/President Jack Ellis explained the history of the Fourth Degree exemplification and introduced the newest members of the Warwick Assembly, including three generations of the Van Duzer family: Grandfather Robert Van Duzer, his son Lloyd and his son Douglas; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1882, the Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's fraternal benefit society with more than 1.8 million members located in over 14,000 Councils throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, An outstanding charitable fraternal organization in the State of New York, the Warwick Valley Knights of Columbus Council was officially chartered on April 13, 1960; and

WHEREAS, The Warwick Valley Knights of Columbus Council is comprised of more than 245 members, approximately 200 of whom live in or around the Town of Warwick; there are 72 members of the Warwick Council's Fourth Degree Assembly 0776, which was formed 50 years ago; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its distinguished history, the Warwick Valley Fourth Degree Assembly Knights of Columbus has supported four ideals: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism; its members have exemplified these principles through their support of worthy causes; and

WHEREAS, In so effectively carrying out its mission, the Warwick Valley Fourth Degree Assembly Knights of Columbus has demonstrated the value of fostering camaraderie in a shared vision of community service; this mission is indicative of a noble organization which epitomizes the heart and soul of what it means to be an American; and

WHEREAS, Organizations of singular distinction like the Warwick Valley Fourth Degree Assembly Knights of Columbus provide a model for enhancing the quality of life in the community and, as such, merit the grateful praise of the State of New York; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Warwick Valley Fourth Degree Assembly of the Knights of Columbus on April 25, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jack Ellis, Grand Knight/ President of the Warwick Valley Knights of Columbus Council.