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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Sister Anne Bryan Smollin posthumously upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Bishop Howard Hubbard Humanitarian Award on June 18, 2015

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those exemplary individuals within the Empire State who made strong contributions to their communities and who inspired others through their model citizenry and noble deeds; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Sister Anne Bryan Smollin posthumously upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Bishop Howard Hubbard Humanitarian Award by Catholic Charities, to be celebrated at its 3rd Annual Night at the Museum Event on Thursday, June 18, 2015, at the New York State Museum, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, A valued and involved member of her community, Sister Anne Bryan Smollin was called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and always gave of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, The late Sister Anne Bryan Smollin is being honored with this auspicious award for her years of steadfast and unremitting service in counseling ministry youth, families and the poor around the world; and

WHEREAS, An extraordinary friend, counselor and dedicated sister of St. Joseph, Sister Anne Bryan Smollin began her illustrious career with Catholic Charities through the Counseling for Laity program, which was originally a ministry of Catholic Charities in Albany and continued for

33 years; and

WHEREAS, Through her work as a counselor, Sister Anne Bryan Smollin touched hundreds of lives and helped share the love of Christ through the use of empathy, story, humor and laughter; and

WHEREAS, Sister Anne Bryan Smollin gave not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for this special honor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Sister Anne Bryan Smollin certainly displayed throughout her life; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Sister Anne Bryan Smollin posthumously upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Bishop Howard Hubbard Humanitarian Award on June 18, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Sister Anne Bryan Smollin.