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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Monsignor John McCann upon the occasion of his retirement as Pastor of St. Mary's Church in Manhasset, New York

WHEREAS, The spiritual guidance and nurturing of the citizens of the State of New York is of great importance to the vitality and well-being of our communities; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to bring full recognition and just tribute to those individuals of religious commitment who accept the responsibility of moral leadership and render the wisdom of human understanding; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Monsignor John McCann upon the occasion of his retirement as Pastor of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church; this auspicious occasion was celebrated with a party held in his honor on Friday, May 29, 2015, at the North Hills Country Club in Manhasset, New York; he will officially retire on June 24, 2015; and

WHEREAS, A native of New Hyde Park, New York, Monsignor John McCann attended St. Mary's High School before completing his graduate and post-graduate studies at St. John's University and Immaculate Conception Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor John McCann became the Associate Pastor at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Glencove, New York, in 1974, and was appointed Pastor 10 years later; and

WHEREAS, In 1991, this esteemed religious leader was named a Domestic Prelate by Pope John Paul II; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor John McCann became the 11th Pastor in the history of St. Mary's Church in 1998; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious tenure, Monsignor John McCann directed

all pastoral activity within the parish and its elementary and high schools; he also presided over Manhasset's Catholic community during such major events as the September 11th terrorist attacks and Superstorm Sandy; and

WHEREAS, On May 31, 2015, Monsignor John McCann commemorated the 50th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood with a celebratory Mass; and

WHEREAS, As he enters retirement, Monsignor John McCann leaves behind a tremendous legacy of service to his congregation at St. Mary's Church; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor John McCann will be long remembered for his many inspirational good works, and for his exemplary leadership; he continues to be an inspirational leader and role model for all members of the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Monsignor John McCann upon the occasion of his retirement as Pastor of St. Mary's Church in Manhasset, New York, noting his unremitting and compassionate faith and his service to God, humanity, and his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Monsignor John McCann.