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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Joseph K. Collins upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by St. Francis College

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Joseph K. Collins upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by St. Francis College to be celebrated at its 55th Annual Charter Award Dinner held on Wednesday, April 27th, 2016, at The Lighthouse at Chelsea Piers, New York, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Charter Award Dinner was established in 1962 by the St. Francis Board of Trustees to commemorate New York State granting the College a charter and the right to confer diplomas, honors and degrees; over the years, it has been the school's premier fundraising event to support scholarships, programs and the furthering of St. Francis's educational mission; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Queens, New York, Joseph K. Collins is the founder of Collins Building Services, (CBS) Inc., an industry leader in the tri-state area with a reputation for excellence in the building maintenance sector; and

WHEREAS, Joseph K. Collins began his career by working as a Sealtest milkman before proudly serving his country as a member of the United States Army; after being honorably discharged in 1959, he returned to his former job and took evening classes at Baruch College; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Joseph K. Collins has become respected across the New York City building service industry for his hard work and intel-

ligence, and has held the esteemed position of President for several commercial maintenance companies; and

WHEREAS, In 1988, Joseph K. Collins assembled an elite team of workers, and founded Collins Building Services, Inc., where he has displayed a tremendous dedication to service, and provided outstanding leadership through his caring and consistent generosity; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the past 27 years, Joseph K. Collins has expertly overseen his company's growth and expansion into an industry leader which employs over 2,000 full time employees; and

WHEREAS, Today, Joseph K. Collins continues to serve as President of CBS where he remains committed to providing excellence in service to his clients, his community and his family; and

WHEREAS, Joseph K. Collins has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; he is a long standing Allied Member of the Building Owners and Managers Association, and serves on several nonprofit boards including the Outreach Project, Clark Gillies Foundation and Thomas Hartman Foundation for Parkinson's Disease Research; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Joseph K. Collins continues to be a vital supporter of the Sisters of St. Joseph and St. Francis College Scholarship Fund, as well as both the Cure for Sure fundraiser for Parkinson's Research and the Swing for the Cure benefit for Pancreatic Cancer Research; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and honors for his outstanding service, Joseph K. Collins has been presented with the Covenant House Lifeline Humanitarian Award and the Outreach Project Award; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Joseph K. Collins was named Grand Marshal of the Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Parade, and has been honored by the Boom-

er Esiason Foundation and the Friends of Rockville Centre 911 Memorial Foundation; he has also garnered Honoree accolades from Telecare, Christa House and the Annual Sisters of St. Joseph Gala; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Joseph K. Collins has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 51 years, Peggy, who feels privileged to be a part of his life and rejoices in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 Joseph K. Collins upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by St. Francis College; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joseph K. Collins.