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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating John F. Kennedy Catholic High School upon the occasion of celebrating its 50th Anniversary

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in acknowledging significant milestones in the distinguished histories of its esteemed educational institutions; and

WHEREAS, John F. Kennedy Catholic High School will celebrate its 50th Anniversary during its annual President's Dinner to be held at the Westchester Marriott on Thursday, April 21, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Kennedy High School opened as St. Mary's High School in 1924; St. Mary's graduated its last class in June of 1966; and

WHEREAS, The school re-opened as John F. Kennedy Catholic High School in September of 1966; and

WHEREAS, Kennedy High School, in Somers, is a Roman Catholic, coeducational college preparatory school serving students in grades 9 through 12; and

WHEREAS, Kennedy High School's mission statement states "We are Kennedy Catholic. We are strong and committed Christian leaders who are determined to make a difference for Christ in our world and the lives of others. Through the development of mind, body and spirit we will strive always for excellence and the highest standards in Catholic education.

We are courageous and compassionate - We are Kennedy Catholic!; and

WHEREAS, The students of Kennedy High School, home of the Gaels, are greatly inspired by the extraordinary teachers, staff, and faculty, led by President and Principal Father Mark Vaillancourt; and

WHEREAS, Kennedy High School has an outstanding reputation for its curriculum, athletics, and other extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, Kennedy High School is proudly aware of its distinguished past, eager to fulfill its present commitment to parents, students and

the community, and planning with vision and purpose for the ebb and swell of growth and change it will encounter in the years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate John F. Kennedy Catholic High School upon the occasion of celebrating its 50th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Father Mark Vaillancourt, President and Principal, Kennedy High School.