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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending The Honorable Peter J. O'Donoghue upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Catholic Lawyers Guild of Queens County on June 9, 2016

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this Nation, and the great State of New York, is reflective of the purposeful lives and good works of those civic-minded community members who dedicate their lives and careers to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend The Honorable Peter J. O'Donoghue, Justice of the Supreme Court, upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Catholic Lawyers Guild of Queens County to be celebrated at its Annual Dinner at The Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston, New York, on Thursday, June 9, 2016; and

WHEREAS, From February of 1972 to September of 1976, Peter J. O'Donoghue held the title of Assistant to the Director of Personnel at Ozanam Hall Nursing Home, Flushing, New York; and

WHEREAS, In May of 1976, Peter J. O'Donoghue earned his Bachelor of Business Studies degree from St. John's University, School of Business; three years later, he obtained his Juris Doctor degree from St. John's University, School of Law; and

WHEREAS, After graduation, Peter J. O'Donoghue served as a Law Intern to staff attorneys at the Queens Legal Aid Society from September of 1978 to June of 1979; he then worked as a Law Assistant for the Bronx County Criminal Court until March of 1982; and

WHEREAS, From March of 1982 until December 31, 1995, Peter J. O'Donoghue held the position of Principal Law Clerk to Justice John J. Clabby of the Queens County Supreme Court; he then served as Queens County Civil Court Judge from January 1996 until March of 2001; and

WHEREAS, After leaving this position, Peter J. O'Donoghue served as the Acting Supreme Court Justice for nearly nine months before being elected to the position of Supreme Court Justice on January 1, 2002, a title he continues to hold today; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to his community, Judge Peter J. O'Donoghue has held numerous leadership positions for various organizations including co-Chairman of the Queens Task Force for the Disabled, President and Past Treasurer of the Flushing Lawyers Club, President and Past Secretary of the St. Patrick's Society, Parish Councilman and Chairman of the Finance Committee of Sacred Heart Parish, as well as Majority Leader of the Queens Independent Living Center; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Judge Peter J. O'Donoghue has been a member of the American Red Cross and the American Principle's Committee; and

WHEREAS, Judge Peter J. O'Donoghue also served on the Queens County Bar Association Committee and as a Small Claims Arbitrator and worked Pro Bono in the New York City Civil Court; and

WHEREAS, A role model for all who aspire to a career in the legal profession, Judge Peter J. O'Donoghue has devoted his purposeful life to preserving the rights and protecting the welfare of the citizens of his community and the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, For over 14 years, Peter O'Donoghue has rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service as a Supreme Court Justice, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, A singular asset to all of the citizens he has served in the community of the State of New York, Judge Peter J. O'Donoghue's life and career are a portrait of preeminence in public service, and present a role model for all who aspire to a career in public service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend The Honorable Peter J. O'Donoghue upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Catholic Lawyers Guild of

Queens County on June 9, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Peter J. O'Donoghue.