

## 2017-J620

Senate Resolution No. 620

BY: Senator BONACIC

HONORING the Knights of Columbus Council No. 14560  
upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of  
the distinction of Star Council Award

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and  
pay tribute to those fraternal organizations of high purpose and worthy  
accomplishments whose endeavors have faithfully served the welfare of  
the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its  
long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor  
the Knights of Columbus Council No. 14560 of Mamakating, New York upon  
the occasion of its designation as recipient of the distinction of Star  
Council Award at their Annual Christmas Celebration on December 14,  
2016; and

WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic  
organization with over 1.7 million members worldwide in over 14,000  
Councils throughout the world; it is dedicated to working for the  
Catholic Church, community, and fellow man; in 2015, the Knights of  
Columbus contributed several million dollars and rendered over 74  
million hours of volunteer service hours of personal service to  
charitable and benevolent activities; and

WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus Council No. 14560 has received the distinction of Star Council, the organization's top award for overall excellence in the areas of membership, promotion of the fraternal insurance program, and sponsorship of service-oriented activities; and

WHEREAS, This award is not only a reflection of this council and its members, but is a testament to the wonderful spirit of community in the Town of Mamakating; and

WHEREAS, In the preceding year, Mamakating Council No. 14560 instituted a scholarship program serving six school districts in Sullivan and Orange counties as well as donating hundreds of hours of service and thousands of dollars in charitable donations to the local community; and

WHEREAS, It is with great admiration that this Legislative Body applauds the efforts of all the individuals involved in this vital organization, and to recognize their unwavering devotion to improving the quality of life for others; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Knights of Columbus Council No. 14560 upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the distinction of Star Council Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Knights of Columbus Council No. 14560.