

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Sherry and Paul Durnan upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by Catholic Charities on May 22, 2012

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Sherry and Paul Durnan have given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently have been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Sherry and Paul Durnan upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by Catholic Charities, to be celebrated at its 2012 Caritas Award Dinner on Tuesday, May 22, 2012, at Milleridge Inn Cottage, Jericho, New York; and

WHEREAS, Sherry and Paul Durnan are the founders of The Durnan Group, Inc., one of the largest privately owned Insurance agencies in New York, specializing in workers' compensation programs; and

WHEREAS, Sherry and Paul Durnan have been called upon to contribute their time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and have always given of themselves unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Paul is a lifelong member of St. Agnes Cathedral Parish where he serves as a Eucharistic Minister and a Lector; he is on the Telecare Board of Trustees and has been active in the fields of higher education and healthcare; and

WHEREAS, From 1998-2005, Paul Durnan was a member of the St. Francis Hospital Board and was a founding trustee of Catholic Health Services of Long Island; from 1994-2005 he was on the Molloy Catholic College Board of Trustees, where he served as Chairman for seven years; currently, he holds the title of Chairman Emeritus; and

WHEREAS, Sherry Durnan has been active in many apostolic endeavors throughout Long Island and on a national level; she is a member of the St. Agnes Ministry of Consolation, which assists grieving families in planning their loved ones' funeral Mass; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Catholic Charities Board of Trustees, Sherry Durnan currently serves as the Board Chair of Catholic Charities Health Systems, Inc.; she is also a Eucharistic Minister and Lector; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, Sherry and Paul Durnan received the first St. Agnes Medal for Outstanding Service in the Diocese of Rockville Centre; they were also the recipients of the 1998 Molloy College Lifetime Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, In 1985, Paul and Sherry Durnan entered the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and presently hold the rank of Knight and Lady Commander With Star; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Paul and Sherry Durnan were invested into the Order of Malta as Knight and Dame in 1997; since, they have participated in 13 Malta Lourdes Pilgrimages and several missions to the Malta Sacred Heart Hospital in Milot, Haiti; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, Paul and Sherry Durnan became the founding Co-Presidents of the Long Island Chapter of Legatos International, an organization striving to strengthen the faith of Catholic CEOs and their spouses; in 2009, they received the National Legatos Officers of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Happily married for 48 years, Paul and Sherry Durnan are blessed with seven children, their spouses, and 16 grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Sherry and Paul Durnan have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Sherry and Paul Durnan have displayed throughout their lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Sherry and Paul Durnan upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by Catholic Charities on May 22, 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sherry and Paul Durnan.