

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Michael J. Dowling upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the International Humanitarian Award by Gift of Life, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Michael J. Dowling upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the International Humanitarian Award by Gift of Life, Inc., to be celebrated at its 38th Anniversary Crusade of the Heart Gala on Friday, May 3, 2013, in Garden City, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born in Limerick, Ireland, Michael Dowling later came to the United States to help support his large family and to attend college; upon receiving his Masters degree in Public Welfare from Fordham University, he took a position as a Professor of Social Policy and Assistant Dean at the Fordham University Graduate School of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, During the next 12 years, Michael Dowling served as Deputy Secretary to the Governor and Director of Health, Education and Human Services; he also served as Commissioner of the New York State Department of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Northport, Long Island, Michael Dowling is currently a Board Member of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement and a Board Member and Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine; he has served as Past Chairman and is currently a Board Member of the National Center for Healthcare Leadership, Greater New York Hospital Association, Healthcare Association of New York State and League of Voluntary Hospitals; and

WHEREAS, Michael Dowling currently serves as chairman of the North American Board of the Smurfit School of Business at University College in Dublin; a recipient of numerous awards, he personally supports the American Heart Association and various organizations overseas; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Kathy, and their children Brian and Elizabeth, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Michael Dowling's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Michael J. Dowling upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the International Humanitarian Award by Gift of Life, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael J. Dowling.