

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Frank J. Macchiarola, Ph.D., distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Frank J. Macchiarola, Ph.D., Chancellor of St. Francis College, Brooklyn Heights, New York, died on December 18, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Frank J. Macchiarola, Ph.D., distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Frank J. Macchiarola, Ph.D., whose interests and expertise span the legal, academic, religious, executive management and public service areas, joined St. Francis College, his alma mater, as President in July of 1996; he served in that capacity until 2008, when he stepped down to become the Chancellor of St. Francis College; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his service at his alma mater, Dr. Macchiarola served as Dean and Professor of Law at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law of Yeshiva University from 1991-1996, where he taught Legal Process, Contracts and Legal Writing; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Macchiarola also served as Professor of Business in Columbia University's Graduate School of Business with teaching and research interests in business law, government regulation of business and nonprofit management from 1988-1991; and

WHEREAS, He was the Chair of the Advisory Committee of the Columbia Business School Community Collaboration and served on doctoral panels in political science and education; and

WHEREAS, A faculty member at the City University of New York from 1964-1985, Dr. Macchiarola served at City College, Baruch College, and City University Graduate School, leaving as Professor of Political Science on the doctoral faculty; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Macchiarola served as Vice President of the City University Graduate School and as Director of the Top 40 Program of the CUNY Urban Academy for Management; furthermore, he was a Professor of Education at Teachers College of Columbia University and President of The Academy of Political Science; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Macchiarola served as Counsel to the New York State Assembly Committee on Codes and Special Counsel and Director of the Housing Study Group of the Scott Commission; from 1983-1988, he was the President and Chief Executive Officer of the New York City Partnership, Inc., a business and civic organization consisting of a board of 120 leaders in New York City dedicated to improving economic and social conditions in the City; and

WHEREAS, From 1978-1983, Dr. Macchiarola held the position of Chancellor of the New York City Public School System, supervising the educational program of nearly one million students; he was also Deputy Director of the New York State Emergency Financial Control Board for New York City; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Macchiarola's deeply rooted Roman-Catholic faith, recognized through numerous awards and accolades, strongly influenced him to focus his life's work on helping others; in 2012, Pope Benedict XVI bestowed upon him the Papal Honor of Knight Commander of the Holy Order of St. Gregory the Great; and

WHEREAS, Among numerous other honors, he also received the St. Thomas More Award from the Catholic Lawyers Guild Diocese Brooklyn (2002), the

Lifetime Achievement Award from Catholic Teachers Association (1999), and the Cavaliere, Order of Merit of the Republic of Italy (1980); and

WHEREAS, In the public service arena, Chancellor Macchiarola was appointed in 2003 by Mayor Michael Bloomberg to serve as chair of the New York City Charter Revision Commission; also appointed by Governor George Pataki to the New York State Commission on Education Reform, he served as chairman of the New York State Higher Education Services Commission; and

WHEREAS, He was also chair of the New York City Districting Commission, which drew City Council District lines for the 1991 election and acted as special referee in the case that drew New York State congressional lines for the 1992 election; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Macchiarola was a member of President Jimmy Carter's Impact Aid Commission, New York City Charter Revision Commissions, New York City Campaign Finance Board, New York City Water Board and New York City Tax Study Commission; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Macchiarola was a member of several civic boards including the Academy of Political Science, Manhattan Institute, Brooklyn Children's Museum, and New York City Police Department Board of Visitors; and

WHEREAS, Since 2004, Dr. Macchiarola was a member of the American Bar Association Committee on Law School Accreditation and was a consultant to and director of several corporations; he sat on the board of the Manville Personal Injury Settlement Trust, and Jefferies Group Inc., and served as special counsel to the New York Law firm of Tannenbaum, Helpert, Syracuse and Hirschtritt, LL.P.; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Frank J. Macchiarola, Ph.D., leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Frank J. Macchiarola, Ph.D., distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Frank J. Macchiarola, Ph.D.