

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of St. Hugh of Lincoln Roman Catholic Church, to be celebrated on November 17, 2013

WHEREAS, Religious institutions, and the many spiritual, social and educational benefits they confer, play a vital role in the development of the moral fabric of a responsible citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of this State and this Nation to pay tribute to those institutions and individuals who have contributed to the ethical and spiritual values of their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes pleasure in commemorating the 100th Anniversary of St. Hugh of Lincoln Roman Catholic Church, Huntington Station, New York; the year-long celebration of this milestone event will culminate in a special Liturgy on Sunday, November 17, 2013; and

WHEREAS, St. Hugh of Lincoln Roman Catholic Church was established as a mission of St. Patrick's parish in 1907 in a chapel built on property donated in memory of Hugh McLaughlin, hence the name of the church's patron saint; and

WHEREAS, St. Hugh of Lincoln became a parish in 1913, and built its first school in 1925; in the ensuing years, the congregation grew so much that services had to be held in the church's basement; a new church building was completed in 1952; and

WHEREAS, In 1956, St. Hugh of Lincoln opened a new, larger school building; the population of Catholics in the area had expanded rapidly, and the size of the parish had swelled to include 7,000 families; and

WHEREAS, The present congregation of St. Hugh of Lincoln is a vibrant mixture, consisting of families with multigenerational histories in the parish, families new to the suburbs, and recent immigrant families, as well as refugees from areas of political strife; and

WHEREAS, St. Hugh of Lincoln celebrates its ethnic and linguistic diversity; its regular weekend services are held in English and Spanish, there are multilingual worship services on special days and occasional cultural celebrations; and

WHEREAS, St. Hugh of Lincoln is deeply committed to, and has a long history of, helping all in the community who need assistance; it provides direct aid through its Outreach program as well as the St. Vincent de Paul Society, which is available when Outreach is closed and serves Thanksgiving and Easter dinner annually; and, in addition, the parish lets its space to community service organizations, such as Project Hope and the Family Service League; and

WHEREAS, St. Hugh of Lincoln Roman Catholic Church stands on the threshold of tomorrow, prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades while retaining that spiritual resolve which characterizes its past; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of enduring religious institutions and to bring such institutions to the attention of the people of this Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of St. Hugh of Lincoln Roman Catholic Church, Huntington Station, New York, to be observed on November 17, 2013, fully confident that this commemoration reflects the belief in those values which enhance the dignity and purpose of life; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to St. Hugh of Lincoln Roman Catholic Church.