

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Sister Mary Albert, CSJ, upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Saint Joachim Roman Catholic Church, on June 22, 2013

WHEREAS, The character and richness of religious and community life in this noble Empire State is nourished and fulfilled through the faithful concern and selfless devotion of those who would commit their energies and purpose to the ministry of others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals of firm belief who have devoted their purposeful lives to the service of faith and community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Sister Mary Albert, CSJ, upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Saint Joachim Roman Catholic Church at its 34th Annual Diamond Ball, to be held on Saturday, June 22, 2013, at The Woodmere Club; and

WHEREAS, Sister Mary Albert, CSJ, has continually demonstrated tremendous competence, extraordinary intelligence, and diligent leadership in her unwavering service to both her community and faith; and

WHEREAS, Sister Mary Albert was born into the family of Mary and Albert Thompson, the seventh of ten children; she attended Saint Francis Xavier Parish School and Church in Brooklyn, New York, and Bishop McDonnell High School; after graduation, she worked in National City Bank for two years; and

WHEREAS, Sister Mary Albert chose religious life, entering the Sisters of Saint Joseph in Brentwood, New York, on February 2, 1944; she received both her religious and professional training as an educator at the Motherhouse, and professed her final vows on the Feast of Saint Augustine in 1949; and

WHEREAS, After several years of teaching throughout the Brooklyn Diocese, Sister Mary Albert became involved in developing and teaching in non-graded learning centers, a new concept in education at the time, at Our Lady of Victory School in Floral Park and then Saint Martha's School in Uniondale; and

WHEREAS, Sister Mary Albert then began her more than 55-year relationship with Saint Joachim Parish; she was asked to start a three-grade learning center at the Saint Joachim School, and she faithfully undertook the endeavor, working in the school three days per week, and spending two days in the parish providing pastoral care to the sick and home bound; and

WHEREAS, Sister Mary Albert soon assumed the full-time ministry of Coordinator of Pastoral Care and Ministry, including the care of several other parish programs; she was also appointed to the Advisory Board of Saint John's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Sister Mary Albert now lives in Saint Mary's Manor, Inwood; she still tends to the needs of others at Saint Joachim Parish on a daily basis, including home visits and the ministry for the bereaved; and

WHEREAS, Throughout 70 years as a Sister of Saint Joseph, a period of constructive involvement, Sister Mary Albert, CSJ has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished woman of God has always given enlightenment, guidance and wisdom to the many entrusted to her care and has administered abundantly and unstintingly to the spiritual and corporal needs of all; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when a person of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention it is

appropriate to publicly and jubilantly proclaim and commend that individual for the edification of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Sister Mary Albert, CSJ, upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Saint Joachim Roman Catholic Church on Saturday, June 22, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sister Mary Albert, CSJ.