

BY: Senator BRESLIN

COMMEMORATING the 175th Anniversary of Fordham University

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishments clearly demonstrate an enduring pursuit of excellence in higher education for the youth of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 175th Anniversary of Fordham University; this momentous occasion will be recognized with yearlong festivities, and will culminate with the University's Founder's Day Celebration on Monday, March 27, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1841 by Archbishop of New York John Hughes, Fordham University has grown tremendously from its humble beginnings of only six students and two buildings, to more than 15,500 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students across three campuses, an academic center in London, and academic partnerships worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Fordham University, the Jesuit University of New York, is now celebrating its 175th year of service in advancing the common good through public service, its commitment to the pursuit of wisdom, and the transmission of learning and research, offering education of the highest quality; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed institution affirms the complementary roles of faith and reason in the pursuit of wisdom and learning, fostering the intellectual, ethical, and religious dimensions of its students to prepare them for leadership in a global society; and

WHEREAS, While giving special attention to the living tradition of Catholicism, Fordham University provides a broad and critical space for diverse religious traditions to interact with each other and with contemporary cultures, energetically welcoming students, faculty, and staff of all religious traditions, and of no religious tradition, as valued members of this community of study and dialogue; and

WHEREAS, Fordham University, drawing on its Jesuit heritage of Christian Humanism, is committed to research, education, and service that assist in the alleviation of poverty, the promotion of justice, the protection of human rights, and respect for the shared local and global environment; and

WHEREAS, Under the profound direction of President Joseph Michael McShane, S.J., Fordham University has remained true to its commitment to provide optimal facilities, the broadest range of professionally accredited programs, and the maintenance of an outstanding teaching

facility; and

WHEREAS, Through its long and sustained commitment to excellence in educational endeavor, Fordham University has so clearly advanced that spirit of united purpose and shared concern which is the unalterable manifestation of our American experience; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to join with Fordham University in the celebration of its 175th Anniversary, recognizing on this auspicious occasion that the quality and dignity of life are empowered by the faithful and diligent efforts of such noble institutions of learning; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 175th Anniversary of Fordham University, noting the propriety of its goals, the constancy of its commitment and the significance of its accomplishments in preparing the youth of today and leaders of tomorrow; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joseph Michael McShane, S.J., Fordham University.