

BY: Senator BRESLIN

COMMENDING House Chairman Robert Church for his 30 years of dedication and commitment to the Latham-Colonie Knights of Columbus Council No. 3394

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals who exercise leadership in fraternal organizations of high purpose and worthy accomplishment, and whose endeavors have faithfully served the welfare of the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend House Chairman Robert Church for his 30 years of dedication and commitment to the Latham-Colonie Knights of Columbus Council No. 3394 to be celebrated on Sunday, November 27, 2016; upon turning the mantle of day to day responsibilities over to his successor, Robert Church will assume the title of House Chairman Emeritus; and

WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus supports four ideals: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, and is an outstanding charitable fraternal organization in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Organizations like the Knights of Columbus are needed to help support the community and the church; it has been a strong pillar of fraternalism and Christian values in this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Robert Church has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to the Knights of Columbus and to countless other civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, On October 10, 1987, Robert Church obtained his first degree in the Knights of Columbus; he went on to become a Third Degree Knight the following month; and

WHEREAS, He assumed the responsibilities of various offices within the Council including Grand Knight of the Council, serving from 1990 to 1992; and

WHEREAS, Upon completion of his tenure as Grand Knight, Robert Church rose to assume the esteemed position of House Chairman of the Corporation; in this capacity, he was instrumental in the construction of a new Council Hall located at 328 Troy Schenectady Road, Latham, New York; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with the Knights of Columbus, Robert Church was a pillar of support to his Parish, Our Lady of the Assumption; for countless years, he was the primary driving force of the Council's Annual Campaign to support the efforts of Community Maternity Services; and

WHEREAS, When called upon a second time to assume the duties of House Chairman of the Corporation, Robert Church did so willingly; and

WHEREAS, Robert Church's service as House Chairman has been characterized by his exemplary leadership and has been instrumental in the continued success of Latham-Colonie Knights of Columbus Council No. 3394; he has accomplished many deeds of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism in keeping with the mission of the Knights of Columbus and has been a strong advocate of its programs and of community awareness; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend House Chairman Robert Church for his 30 years of dedication and commitment to the Latham-Colonie Knights of Columbus Council No. 3394; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Robert Church, House Chairman Emeritus, Latham-Colonie Knights of Columbus Council No. 3394.