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CELEBRATING the 100th Anniversary of St. Patrick School

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor and celebrate those institutions that contribute to the education and academic success of the citizens of this great State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of St. Patrick School on January 29, 2022; and

WHEREAS, St. Patrick School was founded in 1921 after four Sisters of Mercy traveled from Brooklyn to Bay Shore, New York, to staff the School at the invitation of Father Donovan; 185 children in grades 1-4 were taught temporarily in the old church building on Fifth Avenue before the Sisters and the children were able to move into a new location on Main and Clinton, which is the site of the present-day School; and

WHEREAS, St. Patrick School enables each child to reach his or her highest potential academically and spiritually, ensuring a strong foundation to support future learning and encouraging students' development of respect, courtesy, understanding, compassion, and moral character through work and action; and

WHEREAS, St. Patrick School strongly believes all children have the ability to learn; the School fosters students' personal and academic talents, recognizing that children have different degrees of ability and academic preparation while helping all students achieve their full potential; and

WHEREAS, St. Patrick School's robust curriculum includes fundamental areas of Religion, Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies, along with enrichment in Art, Music, Physical Education, and Computer Technology; and

WHEREAS, Students begin a strong Spanish Language Program in kindergarten, where they are introduced to the language through songs, games, and storytelling and progress to use of grammatical structures to enhance proficiency in the seventh and eighth grades; and

WHEREAS, St. Patrick School also integrates religious and social values into daily school activities; social responsibility and respect for diversity are taught through community service and helping less fortunate individuals; and

WHEREAS, Alongside a strong academic program, St. Patrick School provides a rich moral foundation for students, with the parish community teaching, living, and practicing gospel values in their everyday lives

and creating a caring atmosphere of love, respect, and support; and

WHEREAS, St. Patrick School looks forward to contributing to the enrichment of its community, and to providing high quality education for its students in the years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of St. Patrick School on January 29, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to St. Patrick School.