

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Dr. Franklin Caesar upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Father John Foley Vision of Cristo Rey Award on May 9, 2023

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the quality of education in 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 honor Dr. Franklin Caesar upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Father John Foley Vision of Cristo Rey Award, to be celebrated at Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School's Annual Gala on Tuesday, May 9, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Born in Grenada, West Indies, Franklin Caesar emigrated to Brooklyn, New York in 1956; he was educated as an English teacher; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Caesar began his teaching career at his alma mater, Xavier High School, where he held a myriad of instructional and leadership roles; and

WHEREAS, While at Xavier, Franklin Caesar earned his doctorate degree in Education at Fordham University; he went on to teach at the Fordham Graduate School of Education as an Adjunct Assistant Professor for over a decade; and

WHEREAS, Moving on from Xavier High School, Dr. Franklin Caesar worked in the Central Islip School District serving as Assistant Principal and Principal at the primary and secondary levels; he also served as President of the Administrators' Union and Senior Director of Secondary School Curriculum; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, to recognize his tireless and unwavering commitment to his students, Dr. Franklin Caesar received the Bene Merenti Medal to commemorate his long and exceptional service to Xavier High School; in 1995, he was inducted into the Xavier Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, In 2021, the Board of Trustees of Xavier High School also honored Dr. Franklin Caesar by having his portrait commissioned; later that year, the Dr. Franklin N. Caesar Conference Room was dedicated; and

WHEREAS, Within every community, there are inevitably some individuals who, by virtue of their energy, vision, and dedication, command the greatest respect among their friends and colleagues, and within the community at large; Dr. Franklin Caesar is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, The Brooklyn community is indeed fortunate and blessed to

have such a dedicated and respected educational leader; his wisdom and contributions reach into every classroom, truly making a difference in the lives of those lucky enough to work with him; and

WHEREAS, A significant contributor to education in New York State, Dr. Franklin Caesar continually demonstrates an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unrelenting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered at Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School for the benefit of its faculty and students, as well as for the entire community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Franklin Caesar upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Father John Foley Vision of Cristo Rey Award on May 9, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Franklin Caesar.