

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Father Raymond Nobiletti, M.M. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition as the recipient of the 2012 Pro-Patria Award by the Long Island Assembly, No. 703, Knights of Columbus of Brooklyn

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Father Raymond Nobiletti, M.M. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition as the recipient of the 2012 Pro-Patria Award by the Long Island Assembly, No. 703, Knights of Columbus of Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the organization's 107th Independence Day Parade, to be held on Saturday, June 30, 2012, in Brooklyn, New York; 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, Born in Bensonhurst Brooklyn, New York, Father Raymond Nobiletti was a Columbian Squire and Chief Squire of Archbishop John Hughes Council 1959-1960 and became a Knight of Columbus at St. Therese Council in Valley Stream, Long Island; he attended Catholic elementary and high schools in New York City and graduated from Maryknoll Seminaries in Illinois, Massachusetts and New York; and

WHEREAS, Father Nobiletti was ordained a priest on May 24, 1969, and assigned to the Maryknoll Mission Region of Hong Kong where he studied the Chinese language and Asian Religions at the Chinese University of Hong Kong; and

WHEREAS, In 1970, Father Nobiletti became Assistant Pastor at St. John's Parish in Kwun Tong and in 1972 was appointed Pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Sau Mau Ping; in 1978, he was appointed founding Pastor of St. Stephen's Parish in Kwai Chung, New Territories Hong Kong where he supervised the construction of the church, school, youth center and rectory; and

WHEREAS, In 1982, Father Nobiletti was elected Regional Superior of the Maryknoll Hong Kong Region, and in 1984, he became Assistant Superior General and Member of the General Council of the Maryknoll Society and served in that capacity until 1990; and

WHEREAS, In 1991, Father Nobiletti became Pastor of Transfiguration Parish in Chinatown, New York City where he now serves the multicultural population of lower Manhattan; on October 13, 2002, he received the honors of membership in the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus, Long Island Assembly No. 703; and

WHEREAS, On September 11, 2001, Father Nobiletti was called to minister to the injured and dying at the World Trade Center site; he was a first responder and was caught in the collapse of the South Tower; and

WHEREAS, Emerging from the rubble with three other survivors, Father Nobiletti continued to care for the injured until the collapse of the North Tower; he and his parishioners were part of the frozen zone in south Manhattan for many months after the attack; and

WHEREAS, Father Nobiletti is grateful to the people of Brooklyn for inspiring him in his youth along with Maryknoll for training him in multicultural missions as well as the people of New York City for being his family today; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Father Raymond Nobiletti has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Father Raymond Nobiletti, M.M. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition as the recipient of the 2012 Pro-Patria Award by the Long Island Assembly, No. 703, Knights of Columbus of Brooklyn; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Father Raymond Nobiletti, M.M.