

Senate Resolution No. 5663

BY: Senator ADDABBO

HONORING Archbishop Molloy High School upon the occasion of celebrating its 125th Anniversary to be celebrated on June 14, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions of commitment and high achievement whose purpose and endeavors prove a dedication to the pursuit of excellence in the education of 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 honor Archbishop Molloy High School upon the occasion of celebrating its 125th Anniversary to be celebrated on June 14, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Archbishop Molloy High School of Briarwood, Queens, is celebrating its 125th Anniversary this year, after initially opening its doors in Manhattan as St. Ann's Academy at East 76th Street and Lexington Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Over more than 50 years, St. Ann's Academy, operated under the auspices of the Marist Brothers, housed an all-boys school; the school grew to serve students in elementary through high school and adopted the motto and philosophy of "Not for School, But for Life" as its guiding educational principle; and

WHEREAS, As the campus infrastructure began to deteriorate in the 1950s, Archbishop Thomas E. Molloy of the Brooklyn/Queens Diocese secured a six-acre plot of land in Queens to build a new school for St. Ann's students, which was subsequently named in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Archbishop Molloy High School, which opened its doors to female pupils in 2000, is deeply committed to the educational, athletic, social and spiritual development of its students, and is a highly competitive academic institution, receiving more than 3,000 applications each year for 400 freshman seats; and

WHEREAS, In commemorating 125 years of teaching and learning, Archbishop Molloy High School continues its extraordinary commitment to providing all students in its academic family with the greatest of opportunities to succeed beyond its doors in college, in careers, and in their ultimate adult lives of the future; and

WHEREAS, To this day, current students and alumni of Archbishop Molloy High School are known as "Stanners," a name derived from early students who were dubbed "St. Ann-ers" and attended the original Academy before it moved to Queens in the 1950s; and

WHEREAS, Archbishop Molloy High School has been locally and nationally identified as an excellent educational institution, with

recognition coming from the United States Department of Education, U.S. News and World Report, and the Blackboard Awards; and

WHEREAS, Since opening its doors 125 years ago, Archbishop Molloy High School, both as St. Ann's Academy and in its current form, has been a huge part of the educational and spiritual soul of Queens and New York City, and boasts any number of prominent graduates; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Archbishop Molloy High School upon the occasion of celebrating its 125th Anniversary, and recognizing its many contributions to its community, State and Nation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Archbishop Molloy High School.