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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 90th Anniversary of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 2502, Mineola, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those fraternal organizations of high purpose and worthy accomplishment 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 commemorate the 90th Anniversary of Knights of Columbus Council No. 2502, Mineola, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus supports four ideals: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism; and

WHEREAS, In so effectively carrying out its mission, the Knights of Columbus 2502 Christy Council, Mineola, New York, has demonstrated the value of fostering camaraderie in a shared vision of community service; this mission is indicative of a noble organization which epitomizes the heart and soul of what it means to be an American; and

WHEREAS, The members of Knights of Columbus 2502 Christy Council, Mineola, New York, are Catholic gentlemen committed to the exemplification of charity, unity, fraternity, patriotism and defense of the priesthood; and

WHEREAS, The original chapel of Corpus Christi Church was built in 1895, and the first church was dedicated in 1906; and

WHEREAS, In November of 1921, Corpus Christi Pastor James Burke purchased the old Graves Estate on Searing Avenue and it opened as a school on September 11, 1922; today, it is still going strong; and

WHEREAS, One year later, Father Edward A. McGowan was sent to assist Father Burke; under Father McGowan's direction, Corpus Christi Council

received its charter and Council number 2502 on November 11, 1923, with 101 charter members led by Grand Knight John Shade; and

WHEREAS, The Council held its first meetings in the American Legion building in Mineola, New York; in the late 1920s, the Council purchased a building located at the northwest corner of Willis and Jefferson; and

WHEREAS, In 1940, the Council left this site and thereafter held its meetings in a store on Jericho Turnpike just east of Marcellus Road; five years later, the Council moved to quarters at 146 Lincoln Avenue; the move to the present quarters occurred in the late 1960s when the Council purchased a building which was previously an A&P supermarket; and

WHEREAS, That same year, the Council sponsored a lecture delivered by then Monsignor FJ Sheen at Chaminade High School's Athletic Field with over 2,000 people in attendance; and

WHEREAS, The Monsignor's popularity raised to worldwide acclaim when he hosted a television program in the 1950s and was known then as Bishop Fulton J. Sheen; and

WHEREAS, In the late 1970s, under the direction of PGK Jerry Hughes, excavation began under the half of the building that rested on the ground; with the assistance of Brother John Donahue, who placed all the bricks, and many other Brothers, the Father Tully room was dedicated in 1985; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Knights of Columbus Council No. 2502, Mineola, New York; and

WHEREAS, Organizations of singular distinction such as the Knights of Columbus Council No. 2502, provides a model for enhancing the quality of

life in the community and merits the grateful praise of the community of the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 90th Anniversary of the Knights of Columbus Council No.

2502, Mineola, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Knights of Columbus Council No. 2502, Mineola, New York.