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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending S. Elizabeth A. Hill, C.S.J., J.D. upon the occasion of her retirement as President of St. Joseph's College after 17 years of distinguished service

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The future success of our State and Nation is dependent upon individuals such as S. Elizabeth A. Hill, who dedicate their lives as educators, nurturing our most precious resource, our youth; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend S. Elizabeth A. Hill, C.S.J., J.D. upon the occasion of her retirement as President of St. Joseph's College after 17 years of distinguished service to be celebrated at the 31st Annual Scholarship Gala, on Friday, November 8, 2013 at The Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, New York; and

WHEREAS, One of the region's most influential women, S. Elizabeth A. Hill, has been President of St. Joseph's College since 1997; and

WHEREAS, A native of Brooklyn, New York, S. Elizabeth A. Hill is a Magna Cum Laude of St. Josephs College; she received a Master's degree in History from Columbia University, and studied Theology and Scripture in Rome under the auspices of Georgian University; and

WHEREAS, In addition, S. Elizabeth A. Hill received a J.D. from St. John's University School of Law. where she was a Thomas More Scholarship student, as well as President of the Criminal Law Institute; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of S. Elizabeth A. Hill, St. Joseph's College's enrollment and range of academic offerings have continuously increased, while tuition has remained consistently among the lowest in the New York Metropolitan Area; she has also overseen the expansion of two campuses; and

WHEREAS, S. Elizabeth A. Hill has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades, some of which include being named a Woman Sustaining the American Spirit, as well as a Woman of Distinction; she is a three-time recipient of LONG ISLAND BUSINESS NEWS' Top 50 Women Award, making her a Hall of Fame Honoree; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, S. Elizabeth A. Hill was awarded a Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, from St. Francis College for her numerous charitable works and contributions as a leader in higher education; and most notably, she was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award in the field of Higher Education by The Advancement for Commerce, Industry and Technology; and

WHEREAS, Active within her community, S. Elizabeth A. Hill is on the steering committee of the Long Island Regional Advisory Council on Higher Education, and sits on the board of ERASE Racism; she is on the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of the Board of Trustees of The Mary Louis Academy, as well as the Board of Advisors for Saint Saviour High School; and

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this Nation, and in the great State of New York, is reflective of the purposeful lives and good works of those civic-minded community members who dedicate their lives and career to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend S. Elizabeth A. Hill, C.S.J., J.D. upon the occasion of her

retirement as President of St. Joseph's College after 17 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to S. Elizabeth A. Hill, C.S.J., J.D.