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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Deacon Francis X. Bice upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2013 Timothy J. Coughlin '76 Memorial Award for Outstanding Contributions to St. Mary's High School

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 the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is also the practice of this Legislative Body that individuals who distinguish themselves in service to their faith and community merit the highest commendation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Deacon Francis X. Bice upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2013 Timothy J. Coughlin '76 Memorial Award for Outstanding Contributions to St. Mary's High School; and

WHEREAS, This momentous occasion, hosted by St. Mary's High School, was celebrated at the Fall Alumni Reception and Dinner culminating in the 21st Annual Don Monti Memorial Golf Classic, on Thursday, September 26, 2013, at Plandome Country Club, Plandome Manor, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Coughlin Family of Manhasset established the Timothy J. Coughlin '76 Memorial Award in 2003; the award is presented annually in memory of Tim Coughlin, known for his perseverance and commitment to family, to bestow honor on a person who exemplifies the true spirit of Christianity through dedication to St. Mary's, and service to others; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Manhasset, Francis X. Bice has always had a special relationship with St. Mary's; he and his four siblings attended St. Mary's Elementary School, and the Church of St. Mary was

instrumental in shaping his strong faith; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Francis X. Bice, affectionately known as Frank, has taught religious education, coached Junior Varsity Lacrosse, and serves as a Deacon at St. Mary's; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of the Canterbury School and Siena College, Francis X. Bice currently teaches Theology at Sacred Heart Academy; he has advanced degrees from the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception and Yale University, and is a member of the Siena College Sports Hall of Fame for both Football and Lacrosse; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career thus far, Francis X. Bice has brought an uncompromising standard of excellence to his work and a warm sense of caring and concern to every young person he educates; 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 this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Deacon Francis X. Bice upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2013 Timothy J. Coughlin '76 Memorial Award for Outstanding Contributions to St. Mary's High School; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Deacon Francis X. Bice.