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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Tom Brokaw upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by St. Francis College at its Annual Charter Award Dinner

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality and character of life in this great Empire State is indelibly enriched by the faithful and untiring efforts of those individuals who have helped shape the history of broadcasting; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Tom Brokaw upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by St. Francis College at its Annual Charter Award Dinner, on Tuesday, April 1, 2014, at the Marriott Marquis; and

WHEREAS, In 1966, Tom Brokaw began his distinguished journalism career with NBC News in the Los Angeles bureau where he covered Ronald Reagan's first run for public office, the rise of the sixties counter culture, the assassination of Bobby Kennedy and the 1968 presidential campaign; and

WHEREAS, From Los Angeles, Tom Brokaw became the White House correspondent in Washington during Watergate, as well as the principal back-up for John Chancellor as anchor of NBC Nightly News; he went on to New York, where he worked for the TODAY Show, followed by his appointment as anchor and managing editor of NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Tom Brokaw took over Meet the Press for the 2008 campaign, making him the only person to host all three major NBC News Programs; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious career, Tom Brokaw reported on more than 30 documentaries covering subjects ranging from AIDS, Los Angeles gangs, race, education, medicine, immigration and global warming; and

WHEREAS, Among his countless accomplishments, Tom Brokaw was the first to interview Mikhail Gorbachev, gave the first network report on human rights abuse in Tibet accompanied by an exclusive interview with the Dali Lama, and was the only American network anchor to report from Berlin the night the Berlin wall came down; and

WHEREAS, In 1998 Tom Brokaw published his first book, THE GREATEST GENERATION, one of the most popular nonfiction books of the 20th century; he has written articles for many publications ranging from THE NEW YORK TIMES to ROLLING STONE, and has won every major award in his craft, including the Peabody Award, Alfred I. DuPont-Columbia University Award, Emmy Awards and Lifetime Achievement recognition; and

WHEREAS, Tom Brokaw has, throughout his career and purposeful life, served his community with integrity and devotion, continuously striving to meet the needs of his listeners through entertainment and enlightenment; 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 Tom Brokaw upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by St. Francis College at its Annual Charter Award Dinner; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Tom Brokaw.