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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 90th Anniversary of the Joseph Barry Council No. 2520 Knights of Columbus

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 the Joseph Barry Council No. 2520 Knights of Columbus, to be celebrated at a Cocktail Party Reception on Saturday, April 12, 2014, at the Council Hall in Hicksville, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization; founded in the United States in 1882, the organization was named in honor of Christopher Columbus, and supports four ideals: charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism; and

WHEREAS, The Joseph Barry Council was established on January 20, 1924, when a charter was granted by the Knights of Columbus and one hundred and eleven men from the Hicksville community participated in the ceremonies by which they became the group's charter members; and

WHEREAS, Committed to serving as a beacon of Columbian principles, these dedicated founders chose the name of Joseph Barry, a local young man of outstanding character who gave his life as a soldier in the United States Army during World War I, for the Council's own; and

WHEREAS, The Joseph Barry Council has always prioritized the best interests of youth and, in 1947, this fine organization established its Squires Circle, a fraternal society which involves boys ages 10 to 18 in programs to benefit the Catholic Church and the community, as well as social and recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, On April 1, 1997, the Joseph Barry Council approved the establishment of a Columbiettes Auxiliary, an organization of Catholic women dedicated to its patronesses, Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Theresa the Little Flower, and St. Joan of Arc; and

WHEREAS, The Joseph Barry Council has worked hard to be part of "the strongest right arm of the Church," enriching the Church and the community of Hicksville, New York; and

WHEREAS, For 90 years, the Joseph Barry Council No. 2520 Knights of Columbus has truly lived up to its expressed commitment, serving as a steadfast and effective participant in activities for the good of the community and offering willing hands and hearts for the uplift of all; and

WHEREAS, In so effectively carrying out its mission, the Joseph Barry Council No. 2520 Knights of Columbus has demonstrated the value of fostering camaraderie in a shared vision of community service; this noble organization epitomizes the heart and soul of what it means to be an American; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens 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 Joseph Barry Council No. 2520 Knights of Columbus; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Joseph Barry Council No. 2520 Knights of Columbus.