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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring The Reverend Kevin E. Mackin, OFM, upon the occasion of stepping down as President of Mount Saint Mary College

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals of firm faith and commitment who have devoted their purposeful lives to the service of faith and community; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the eminent careers of esteemed residents of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concerns, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor The Reverend Kevin E. Mackin, OFM, upon the occasion of stepping down as President of Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, New York; a farewell ceremony will be held on Thursday, April 24, 2014; and

WHEREAS, For the past six years, Reverend Kevin E. Mackin has rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service as President of Mount Saint Mary College, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; he will step down as President on June 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, He began his productive tenure as Mount Saint Mary College's fifth President on June 30, 2008; among his many accomplishments in this capacity, Reverend Kevin E. Mackin facilitated a five-year strategic plan with benchmarks; oversaw the successful conclusion of a capital campaign, including a prestigious Kresge grant; initiated major capital projects, including dining hall reconstruction, residence hall reconstruction, turf field/tennis courts; purchased the Dominican Center properties; and added 17 new faculty, including a new chair of the business department; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Kevin E. Mackin's exemplary term at Mount Saint Mary College has been the most recent example of this devoted man of God's

more than 50-year commitment to outstanding service and leadership in the field of higher education; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Kevin E. Mackin is President Emeritus of Siena College in Loudonville, New York; he served as its ninth president from June 1, 1996 to May 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Under Reverend Kevin E. Mackin's leadership, Siena College reached unprecedented growth in its offerings, with several state-of-the-art additions, including: the Standish Library, Sarazen Student Union, Key Auditorium, Serra Dining Hall, Morrell Science Center and a synthetic turf field; the College also substantially increased technology, created a college-wide honors program, added undergraduate nanotechnology courses, a Globalization Studies Program, Broadcast Studies and the Center for the Study of Government and Politics; and

WHEREAS, A priest in the Order of Friars Minor, Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, Reverend Kevin E. Mackin first served at Siena College during the 1970s as an assistant and associate professor of religious studies, chairman of the department and guardian (leader) of its 50 member Franciscan community; and

WHEREAS, In 1982, Reverend Kevin E. Mackin was appointed president-rector of Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora, New York, and, during that time, chaired the Seminary Department of the National Catholic Educational Association in Washington, DC; in 1988, he was assigned to direct development and public relations for the Franciscans of the Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, based in New York City; he held a number of positions in the province, including member of the Board of Directors and education chairman; and

WHEREAS, Widely respected for his educational leadership, Reverend Kevin E. Mackin served as a Commissioner of the Middle States Commission

on Higher Education, and was a member of the board of directors of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities; in addition, he has chaired the Association of Franciscan Colleges and Universities, and the

Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Council of Presidents; he is currently a member of the Association of Governing Boards of Colleges & Universities, and serves as a Trustee of the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities in New York State; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Kevin E. Mackin has pursued his religious and professional education throughout his career; he earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from St. Bonaventure University and a master's degree in history from Siena College, and holds a bachelor's degree in sacred theology, a master's in religious education, a licentiate of sacred theology, and a doctorate in sacred theology cum laude from Catholic University of America; and

WHEREAS, An alumnus of the Harvard Institutes for Higher Education, Reverend Kevin E. Mackin completed courses in fundraising at the National Society of Fund Raising Executives, Indiana University Center on Philanthropy, and the Institute for Charitable Giving; he also studied at the Instituto Mexicano Norteamericano in Mexico City, Mexico; Laval University in Quebec City, Canada; Georgetown University in Washington, DC; and the World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated scholar as well as administrator, Reverend Kevin E. Mackin has lectured on a variety of subjects, including the Bible, Christian theology, contemporary Catholic and Protestant thought, and the Gospels; his writings include the book, IN SEARCH OF THE AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN TRADITION; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Kevin E. Mackin has received numerous awards and accolades for his work, including the Monsignor Burns Memorial Award, the Tech Valley Business Hall of Fame Award, the Department of the Army's Commander's Award for Public Service, the Marketer Executive Citizen Award of Eastern New York, the Teresian Community Service Award, the Dr. James M. Bell Humanitarian Award, and Irish Education 100; 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 great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor The Reverend Kevin E. Mackin, OFM, upon the occasion of stepping down as President of Mount Saint Mary College, and to express its appreciation for his many years of distinguished service in the field of

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higher education; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Reverend Kevin E. Mackin, OFM.