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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Sister Catherine Mezzacapo upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Cellini Lodge No. 2206, Order Sons of Italy in America

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize those extraordinary individuals who have made the success and progress of society their life's work; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Sister Catherine Mezzacapo upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Cellini Lodge No. 2206, Order Sons of Italy in America; she will be celebrated at its 46th Annual

Scholarship/Charitable Benefit Dinner Dance on Friday, April 4, 2014, at the Chateau Briand, Westbury, New York; and

WHEREAS, Cellini Lodge No. 2206, Order Sons of Italy in America is one of the largest lodges of OSIA in New York State; for 46 years it has demonstrated its commitment to the New Hyde Park, New York, community, promoting education, culture, and charitable giving; and

WHEREAS, Sister Catherine Mezzacapo is being honored for her extraordinary 76 years of service to others as a Sister of the Order of St. Joseph, and for the invaluable contributions she has made to the community in her inspiring career in education and social work; and

WHEREAS, Sister Catherine Mezzacapo, who received her bachelor's degree in Education and master's degree in French from St. John's University, Queens, New York, has devoted her purposeful life to the care and education of children; she taught in the Diocese of Brooklyn, and then at St. Joseph's Academy in Rockville Centre, New York; this talented educator then moved into administration, serving as Principal of St. Patrick's School in Smithtown, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1972, this beloved woman of God transitioned into social work, becoming Associate Director of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Rockville Centre; she returned to education as an administrator at St. John's University, from which she retired in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Sister Catherine Mezzacapo's compassionate and effective endeavors have earned her numerous accolades; she received the Voice For All Children Award in 2008 from the Coalition Against Child Abuse and Neglect, where she served on the Board of Directors for more than 30 years, and she has also been honored by St. John's University in recognition of her extraordinary contributions to education and social work; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Sister Catherine Mezzacapo has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Sister Catherine Mezzacapo upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Cellini Lodge No. 2206, Order Sons of Italy in America; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sister Catherine Mezzacapo.