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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Sister Frances Picone upon the occasion of her retirement after more than 50 years of distinguished service to the Sisters of Mercy

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to bring full recognition and just tribute to those men and women of religious commitment who accept the responsibility of moral leadership and render the wisdom of human understanding; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body also seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors have served to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, In a career spanning over 50 years, Sister Frances "Fran" Picone has rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Sisters of Mercy and the community of Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Sister Frances Picone began her career as a teacher, attaining her master's degree in Education from Long Island University; in 1978, she shifted her focus to working with elderly people, and completed a second master's degree in Gerontology from the University of Michigan; in addition she received a Post Masters Certificate in Gerontology from Hunter/Brookdale College Center for Aging; and

WHEREAS, Sister Frances Picone served in a number of important positions during her exemplary career; she was the Director of Retirement for the Sisters of Mercy Brooklyn and Long Island, and worked with Catholic Charities Diocese of Brooklyn & Queens, in a variety of positions including Regional Administrator for the Brooklyn East Region; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed woman brought a special quality of determination and passion to her work every day on behalf of senior citizens; she was known as someone who never said "No" to those in need and never took "No" for an answer on their behalf; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, Sister Frances Picone became Director of Services for Older Adults at Lutheran Family Health Centers and Lutheran Health-Care in Brooklyn, New York; she was responsible for service coordination for the residents of senior housing complexes, for two neighborhood centers for older adults, and for the Seniors in Touch adult day program; in addition, she led the Bay Ridge on the Move transportation program, as well as health promotion and wellness services for older adults; and

WHEREAS, Recently, Sister Frances Picone has also worked to develop greater interfaith partnerships in the promotion of congregational health and wellness; furthermore, she serves on the boards of directors for THE TABLET newspaper, Mercy Home, and mercyFirst; and

WHEREAS, As a Sister of Mercy for over 50 years, this remarkable leader and caregiver consistently embodied her order's core values of spirituality, community, service and social justice; she was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when a person of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention, it is appropriate to publicly and jubilantly proclaim and commend that individual for the edification of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Sister Frances Picone upon the occasion of her retirement after more than 50 years of distinguished service to the Sisters of Mercy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sister Frances Picone.