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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Mary Beth O'Brien upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Bishop Howard Hubbard Humanitarian Award by Catholic Charities on June 19, 2014

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, A great community is only as great as those persons who provide exemplary service, whether through participation in voluntary programs, through unique personal achievement in their profession or other endeavors, or simply through a lifetime of good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Mary Beth O'Brien upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Bishop Howard Hubbard Humanitarian Award by Catholic Charities, to be celebrated at its Night at the Museum event on Thursday, June 19, 2014, at the New York State Museum, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Mary Beth O'Brien is being recognized for her years of service to the poor and vulnerable both within her community and around the world, which serves to empower others; and

WHEREAS, A native of Troy, New York, Mary Beth O'Brien has been involved with Catholic organizations from a young age; she joined the Ladies of Charity in 1959, during which time she worked closely with Sister Serena Branson, former CEO of Catholic Charities, who became her spiritual mentor; and

WHEREAS, Mary Beth O'Brien has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, For many years, Mary Beth O'Brien and her late husband Frank have been steadfast and generous supporters of Catholic Charities; she

has continued her affiliation with the Ladies of Charity, having served as their local and national President; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, her national committee work has been involved in developing an alliance with Notre Dame and Catholic Charities USA to find ways to reduce poverty in the United States; she has served on the Board of Trustees for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany since 2000; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Mary Beth O'Brien has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Mary Beth O'Brien has displayed throughout her life; 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 Mary Beth O'Brien upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Bishop Howard Hubbard Humanitarian Award by Catholic Charities on June 19, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mary Beth O'Brien.