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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Sister Mary Ann LoGiudice, R.S.M. upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Teresian Faith, Hope and Courage Award by the Teresian House Foundation on July 30, 2015

WHEREAS, The character and richness of religious and community life in this noble Empire State is nourished and fulfilled through the faithful concern and selfless devotion of those who would commit their energies and purpose to the ministry of others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to bring full recognition and just tribute to those individuals and organizations which distinguish themselves through their unremitting commitment and service to humanity; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Sister Mary Ann LoGiudice, R.S.M. upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Teresian Faith, Hope and Courage Award by the Teresian House Foundation, to be celebrated at its 25th Anniversary Gala on Thursday, July 30, 2015, at the Saratoga National Golf Club, Saratoga Springs, New York; and

WHEREAS, Teresian House is a 300 bed, non-profit home for the elderly in the Capital District, sponsored by the Albany Roman Catholic Diocese and served by the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious award recognizes Sister Mary Ann LoGiudice's dedicated service to Community Maternity Services, an agency of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany, founded in 1971; this vital organization acts as a full spectrum family support services agency which provides a continuum of services, both residential and community-based; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the Albany Diocese, Community Maternity Services works to provide assistance for pregnant and parenting teenage girls and

their infants and toddlers, children in need of foster care and adoptive homes, and families seeking to adopt children, as well as families in crisis; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann LoGuidice attended Maria College, and earned her Bachelor's degree in Education from The College of St. Rose; she furthered her education by obtaining her Master's degree in Human Services from Russell Sage College; and

WHEREAS, Sister Mary Ann LoGiudice has been a Sister of Mercy since 1965; she has spent the past 37 years of her professional life at Community Maternity Services, initially serving as the Residential Director of the Maternity Center, before holding several other positions, such as in 1990, when she was promoted to Executive Director of Community Maternity Services; and

WHEREAS, Under Sister Mary Ann LoGiudice's luminous direction, Community Maternity Services has provided compassionate, effective intervention, and services for pregnant and parenting adolescents, vulnerable children, and at-risk families in order to foster personal growth, preserve families, and provide access to health, educational, and social services; and

WHEREAS, Sister Mary Ann LoGiudice has touched the lives of countless young mothers and children, such as Barbara, a child living with HIV/AIDS whom she adopted in 1987; she lived with Sister Mary Ann LoGiudice for six years before passing away in 1993; and

WHEREAS, This profound experience led Sister Mary Ann LoGiudice to author an inspiring book, entitled THAT PLACE CALLED HOME, about her relationship with her beloved daughter; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman has been a member of various committees and boards over the last 30 years, including the Support Ministries for

Persons with AIDS, the Community AIDS Partnership of the Capital Region, and the Names Project; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individ-

uals 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 Sister Mary Ann LoGiudice, R.S.M. upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Teresian Faith, Hope and Courage Award by the Teresian House Foundation on July 30, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sister Mary Ann LoGiudice, R.S.M.