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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Zaino family upon the occasion of their designation as recipient of the Family of the Year Award by the Knights of Columbus

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character who have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State with their strong contributions to the community and model citizenship; and WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Zaino family upon the occasion of their designation as recipient of the Family of the Year Award by the Knights of Columbus, to be celebrated at its First Annual Knights of Columbus Recognition Dinner to be held on Saturday, January 23, 2016, in the Gymnasium at St. Edward the Confessor Church, Syosset, New York; and

WHEREAS, On March 29, 1882, the Connecticut State Legislature officially chartered the Knights of Columbus as a fraternal benefit society; today, the Order is still true to its founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity; and

WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus was formed to render financial aid to members and their families; mutual aid and assistance is offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families, and social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works; and

WHEREAS, Devoted members of their church, Brian, Donna, Brianna and John Zaino are best known as faithful participants at the 5 p.m. Mass at St. Edward Confessor Church, Syosset, New York; and

WHEREAS, Brianna Zaino acted as an altar server from 5th grade until

she was a senior at Syosset High School, Donna Zaino often serves as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and Brian and John have sold popcorn for St. Edward's Cub Scout Pack 205; currently, this dynamic family is helping with the monthly missioner's food collection before and after 5 p.m. Mass; and

WHEREAS, Both Donna and Brian Zaino grew up in faith filled families with each regularly attending 5 p.m. Mass at their respective churches; Brian Zaino is from Garden City, New York, and was a parishioner at St. Joseph Church, and Donna Zaino has been a member of St. Edward Confessor Church since she was two; in addition, she is an alumna of St. Edward Confessor School; and

WHEREAS, Donna Zaino earned her Bachelor's degree in both Elementary and Special Education from Mount Saint Mary College; she obtained her Master's degree in Special Education from St. John's University; and

WHEREAS, From 1981-1995, Donna Zaino was employed at the Epilepsy Foundation of Long Island; she held the position of Director of Residential Services overseeing 10 group homes of developmentally disabled adults; today, she remains with the agency, serving as an advocate for a developmentally disabled adult living in its Westbury residence; and

WHEREAS, When her children were in Berry Hill Elementary School Donna Zaino volunteered on many Parent Teacher Association (PTA) committees; she also held the title of co-President of the South Woods Middle School Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA); for her incredible work, she was the recipient of the PTA Distinguished Service Award; and

WHEREAS, An active member of St. Edward Confessor Church, Donna Zaino has taught religious education classes for grades one through seven, and acted as co-Chair of the Dinner Dance, BBQ fundraiser, and Welcome Committee; she currently holds the position of Chair of the Parish

Purls, Hospital EMs, and the Ministry of Prayer; she participates on the Parish Council and volunteers her time and energies helping those in need who come into the food pantry at the Parish Social Ministry Office;

and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Donna Zaino works part-time as the Pastoral Care Coordinator for Cold Spring Hills and assists Monsignor Bauhoff from Holy Name of Jesus in providing spiritual care to the residents; the success of this ministry at the nursing home is because of the dedicated volunteers who come with a giving heart filled with joy which they share with the residents each week; and

WHEREAS, Brian Zaino earned his Bachelor's degree in Biology from the University of Pennsylvania; he furthered his education by obtaining his Master's degree in Computer Science and a Master's in Business Administration in Business Computer Systems from Hofstra University; and

WHEREAS, Prior to holding the position of Software Process Improvement Lead Analyst at Wolters Kluwer US, Brian Zaino was employed at Bank of America as a Systems Engineer and held various positions at Reuters America; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, Brian Zaino became an Assistant Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 205 to spend more time with his son John; two years later, he held the title of the troop's 2nd Scoutmaster; and

WHEREAS, This past summer, Brian Zaino attained Brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow, scouting's honor society; he also helped the first three Scouts of Troop 205 attain the rank of Eagle Scout; and under the supervision of Brian and Donna, Boy Scout Troop 205 has successfully run two food drives every year; and

WHEREAS, Under Brian Zaino's dedicated leadership, the troop's enrollment has grown to 21 scouts; needing more room, the troop committee purchased a shed with money raised by the scouts; and

WHEREAS, As a high school student, Brianna Zaino volunteered in St. Edward's religious education program teaching first grade for three years; today, she is a full-time student at Cornell University studying Material Science and Engineering with a minor in Biomedical Engineering; and

WHEREAS, At Cornell University, Brianna Zaino serves as an Extraor-

dinary Minister of Holy Communion, and during her college breaks she helps her mother as a volunteer at Cold Spring Hills Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation in Woodbury; and

WHEREAS, John Zaino is a full time student at Adelphi University studying Computer Science Information Security; he works part-time for

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Eagle Sanitation helping with the bookkeeping; and

WHEREAS, Recently, John Zaino achieved the rank of Eagle Scout with Boy Scout Troop 205; in addition, he serves as its Assistant Scoutmaster; and

WHEREAS, In his spare time, John Zaino coaches the Robotics Team at his alma mater, Syosset High School; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, the Zaino family has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, The Zaino family has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in their unwavering service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which the Zaino family has displayed throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the

recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Zaino family upon the occasion of their designation as recipient of the Family of the Year Award by the Knights of Columbus; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to the Zaino family.