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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the Nora Cronin Presentation Academy

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions of commitment and high achievement whose purpose and endeavors prove a dedication to the pursuit of excellence in the education of the youth of this noble Empire State; and WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the Nora Cronin Presentation Academy; and WHEREAS, The Nora Cronin Presentation Academy (NCPA) is a private Catholic Middle School for underserved girls in the City of Newburgh, New York; this vital educational institution fosters education as a means to raise expectations for young girls in this drug and crime ridden small city in the Hudson Valley with the highest incidents of teen pregnancy in New York State; and

WHEREAS, NCPA was inspired by the vision of Nano Nagle and the mission of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; the academy, in a holistic environment, affirms the values of faith, hope, justice and human dignity; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous leadership of Principal, Sister Yliana Hernandez, PBVM, and her dedicated staff, NCPA provides a pathway out of poverty through education; and

WHEREAS, The staff also encourages each student to care for the Earth, foster peace, and give back to their communities; and WHEREAS, The cost of education is \$8,000 per student and parents pay a nominal \$50 per student and volunteer all maintenance services; the bulk of the cost of education is covered by fund raising and grants; and WHEREAS, The steadfast and unyielding commitment of parents, educators

and administrators to provide the highest quality education for students has become the hallmark and tradition of the Nora Cronin Presentation Academy; and

WHEREAS, Within the 21st Century, the Nora Cronin Presentation Academy stands prepared to reach out, in an earnest and enthusiastic quest of its mission, to promote the maximum growth of every student, establishing standards and building skills which will carry its students and the citizens of its community into the future; and

WHEREAS, The Nora Cronin Presentation Academy is proudly aware of its distinguished past, eager to fulfill its present commitment to parents, students and the community, and planning with vision and purpose for the ebb and swell of growth and change it will encounter in the years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the Nora Cronin Presentation Academy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sister Yliana Hernandez, PBVM, Principal, Nora Cronin Presentation Academy.