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Senate Resolution No. 3048

BY: Senator BRESLIN

COMMEMORATING the 60th Anniversary of St. Thomas
the Apostle School in Bethlehem, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishments clearly demonstrate the pursuit of excellence in education and service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of St. Thomas the Apostle School in Bethlehem, New York; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious milestone was celebrated with a myriad of community events from Friday, June 9, 2017, through Sunday, June 11, 2017; and

WHEREAS, St. Thomas the Apostle School is the learning environment where students gain a love of knowledge and understanding, and achieve excellence both in their academic and their spiritual lives; for six decades, the School has strived to prepare each student to realize his or her personal destiny as a moral and social leader of men and women; and

WHEREAS, Built in the fall of 1956, St. Thomas the Apostle School had its highest enrollment numbers, close to 50 students per class, during the peak of Catholic education in the 1960s; today, that number is closer to 22; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the last 60 years, the community around St. Thomas the Apostle School has changed considerably; many of the staff and faculty members are not sisters, brothers, or priests anymore, and the curriculum has been dramatically expanded to include programs in music, theatre, art and technology; and

WHEREAS, The School recognizes how important it is to be an integral part of its community through active participation in social justice issues and human concerns; each class supports and works closely with a local charity; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous leadership of Principal, Thomas Kane, each and every child at St. Thomas the Apostle School is taught to become change agents by encouraging them to explore their gifts and use them to better the world in which they live in; active participation in social justice issues and human concerns is the cornerstone of its service experiences; and

WHEREAS, St. Thomas the Apostle School firmly believes that the education of a child is best supported with active cooperation between parents and school; as a school community, it recognizes parents as the child's primary educators; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, St. Thomas the Apostle School has stayed true to its three-fold mission of message, community, and service; and

WHEREAS, On the propitious occasion of the school's 60th Anniversary, this Legislative Body is proud to join in celebrating and recognizing the noteworthy place St. Thomas the Apostle School holds in the hearts and in the life of the Bethlehem community; and

WHEREAS, For 60 years, St. Thomas the Apostle School has demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled commitment, and an unremitting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered for the benefit of its students, teachers, parents, alumni, and community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of St. Thomas the Apostle School in Bethlehem, New York, fully confident it is planning with vision and purpose for the ebb and swell of growth and change it will encounter in the years to come; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Thomas Kane, Principal, St. Thomas the Apostle School.