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Senate Resolution No. 3091

BY: Senator BRESLIN

COMMENDING Sister Mary Ann LoGiudice, RSM upon the occasion of celebrating her Golden Jubilee on September 10, 2017

WHEREAS, The spiritual guidance and nurturing of the citizens of the State of New York is of great importance to the vitality and well-being of our communities; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to bring full recognition and just tribute to those men and women of religious commitment who accept the responsibility of moral leadership and render the wisdom of human understanding; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Sister Mary Ann LoGiudice, RSM upon the occasion of her Golden Jubilee as a nun to be celebrated at a Eucharistic Liturgy on Sunday, September 10, 2017, at Convent of Mercy in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Sister Mary Ann LoGiudice attended Maria College and The College of St. Rose, where she earned her bachelor's degree in education; she furthered her education by obtaining her master's degree in human services from Russell Sage College; and

WHEREAS, In 1965, Sister Mary Ann LoGiudice joined the Sisters of

Mercy, where she continues to serve today; through the years, she has been a vital member of numerous committees and boards including the Support Ministries for Persons with AIDS, the Community AIDS Partnership of the Capital Region and the Names Project; and

WHEREAS, For the last 37 years, Sister Mary Ann LoGiudice has served in various capacities at Community Maternity Services, an agency of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany which was founded in 1971, as a single residential program providing services to pregnant adolescents; and

WHEREAS, Since 1990, Sister Mary Ann LoGiudice has held the title of Executive Director of Community Maternity Services; this vital organization provides a continuum of services including: care for pregnant and parenting adolescents and their families, group residence and family care for children, prevention services and support for families at risk, adoption services, foster care services, and respite services; and

WHEREAS, Under Sister Mary Ann LoGiudice's luminous leadership, 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, Prior to this role, Sister Mary Ann LoGiudice has served as an Outreach Program Coordinator for St. Patrick's Parish, a second grade teacher at the Holy Cross School, and the Executive Director of Arbor House, a halfway house for women released from incarceration; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to her mantra of "Let love be the root and foundation of your life," Sister Mary Ann LoGiudice graciously adopted Barbara, a child with HIV/AIDS in 1987; unfortunately, she passed away in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Sister Mary Ann LoGiudice has brought to her ministry an overwhelming spirit of charity and compassion, acting from vision and enlightenment in conducting her administrative and spiritual duties, while always displaying the highest standards of personal and professional integrity and dedication; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished woman of God has always given enlightenment, guidance and wisdom to the many entrusted to her care and has administered abundantly and unstintingly to the spiritual and corporal needs of all; 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 commend Sister Mary Ann LoGiudice upon the occasion of celebrating her Golden Jubilee, noting her unremitting and compassionate faith and her exemplary service to God, man, and her community, and extending to her the heartfelt best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being; and be it further

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