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Senate Resolution No. 5324

BY: Senator GOLDEN

COMMEMORATING the 110th Anniversary of Saint Saviour Catholic Academy of Brooklyn, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishments clearly demonstrate an enduring pursuit of excellence in the education of the youth of the 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 110th Anniversary of Saint Saviour Catholic Academy of Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, In October of 1905, Bishop McDonnell informed Father James J. Flood, a native of Ireland who was presiding at St. Agnes in Rockville Centre, that he had been selected to establish a new parish in Park Slope, Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Two months later, Father Flood purchased the Eng Mansion, a red brick building on the corner of 8th Avenue and 7th Street, and converted it into a temporary chapel and rectory; he then purchased the corner lot at 8th Avenue and 6th Street from the Turnbull family; and

WHEREAS, Ground was broken for the lower church in February of 1906, during which time the Parish continued to flourish and grow, making the need for a school imperative; and

WHEREAS, In September of 1906, Eng Mansion was transformed into a temporary convent and school; Sister Pauline of the Order of Saint Joseph was appointed to take charge of Saint Saviour Institute, which was thereafter remembered as "The Little Red Schoolhouse"; and

WHEREAS, Ground was broken for the 6th Street school in July of 1908, and in September of the following year, the school was opened with 124 pupils and led by the School Sisters of Notre Dame with Sister Marty Petra as Superior; and

WHEREAS, The cornerstone was laid for the upper church in April of 1912, and the church as it is today was officially dedicated in late September of 1918; and

WHEREAS, In May of 1956, ground was once again broken for the 7th Street school; over the years the elementary students were moved to the 7th Street school, and the 6th Street school became Saint Saviour High School, a college preparatory school for young women; and

WHEREAS, Saint Saviour Elementary School moved to an academy model governed by a Board of Directors in September of 2012, and was renamed Saint Saviour Catholic Academy; and

WHEREAS, Today, Saint Saviour Catholic Academy prepares students from Nursery to Grade 8 for higher education; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Catholic values, Saint Saviour Catholic

Academy educates students in mind, body and spirit, and welcomes and supports the diversity of ethnicity, religion, socioeconomic background, and/or learning style; and

WHEREAS, Within this culturally diverse community, Saint Saviour Catholic Academy creates an environment where each child discovers a unique enthusiasm for learning, academic excellence, and social responsibility to reach his or her highest potential; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of its Principal, Susan Walsh, Saint Saviour Catholic Academy educates children in a nurturing and supportive environment paired with the spiritual teachings of Catholicism, and presents Catholic faith and service in an age-appropriate manner, encouraging students to give and care for others; 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 Saint Saviour Catholic Academy; and

WHEREAS, Within the 21st Century, Saint Saviour Catholic Academy stands prepared to reach out, in 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, Saint Saviour Catholic 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 110th Anniversary of Saint Saviour Catholic Academy of Brooklyn, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Susan Walsh, Principal, Saint Saviour Catholic Academy, Brooklyn, New York.