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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Elizabeth Frank, OFS, upon the occasion of being awarded the Pontifical Cross, the highest honor bestowed by the Papacy

WHEREAS, The character and richness of religious and community life in the Empire State is nourished and fulfilled through the faithful concern and selfless devotion of those who commit their energies and purpose to meeting the needs of others; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay just tribute to those individuals who distinguish themselves through their unremitting commitment and preeminence of service; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Elizabeth Frank, OFS, upon the occasion being awarded the Pontifical Cross; she received this esteemed honor at a Vesper Service on February 3, 2013, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Pontifical Cross: Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice (For the Church and the Pope), is a medal given for distinguished service to the Church by lay people and clergy; it is the highest medal that can be awarded to the laity by the Papacy; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth "Betty" Frank is a life-long parishioner of St. Joseph/St. Patrick's Parish in Utica, New York, the same parish in which Saint Marianne Cope, to whom Betty has had a personal devotion for 24 years, was raised; and

WHEREAS, Betty Frank has been a member of the Secular Franciscan Order for 69 years; in addition to her individual practice of attending Mass daily for decades, she has been instrumental in establishing the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart, organizing devotion to the Divine Mercy, Perpetual Adoration and starting prayer groups in her parish for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Betty Frank is also known for the special care and concern she has shown for the elderly of the Utica community; and

WHEREAS, This faithful woman of God has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and

consequently has been designated for special honor; 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 indi-  
vidual for the edification of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to  
congratulate Elizabeth Frank, OFS, upon the occasion of being awarded  
the Pontifical Cross, and to extend 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 tran-  
smitted to Elizabeth Frank, OFS.