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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Karen Brannen upon the occasion of her designation as a 2013 Long Island Center for Business and Professional Women Achiever

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to outstanding individuals who distinguish themselves through their exceptional performance, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Karen Brannen upon the occasion of her designation as a 2013 Long Island Center for Business and Professional Women Achiever; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the Center's 34th Annual Achievers' Awards Gala, to be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2013; and

WHEREAS, For more than thirty-five years, the Long Island Center for Business and Professional Women has been dedicated to advancing women in business, industry and the professions; and

WHEREAS, The Long Island Center for Business and Professional Women celebrate and honor women who are leaders, mentors and who have opened doors for other women to help foster their rise in business, the professions and in their community; and

WHEREAS, Karen Brannen is the Chief Executive Officer of the Jefferson Ferry Retirement Community, Long Island's first Lifecare Retirement Community; it opened in 2001 and is now home to almost 400 residents in independent living, enriched housing and skilled nursing; and

WHEREAS, The leadership of Karen Brannen has created one of the most successful single-site lifecare retirement communities in the United States; the Jefferson Ferry Retirement Community employs approximately 300 Long Islanders and has been named one of the top 10 employers in New York State by the Society for Human Resource Management; and

WHEREAS, A veteran of the United States Army, Karen Brannen majored in

accounting in college; as a civilian employee of the Department of Defense, she was the first civilian to be selected to attend graduate school at the Army-Baylor program and graduated at the top of her class as the Distinguished Honor Graduate; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Long Island Center for Business and Professional Women, Karen Brannen is also President, CCRC Committee of the LeadingAge New York Board of Directors, and a member of its Leadership Forum; and

WHEREAS, Karen Brannen is also a former evaluator with the National Continuing Care Accreditation Commission and a Lifetime Member and Former Board Member of the Stony Brook University Medical Center Auxiliary; she is a former Board Member of the Stony Brook Rotary Club and an advisor to the Herstory Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Karen Brannen; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their profession and community, and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Karen Brannen upon the occasion of her designation as a 2013 Long

Island Center for Business and Professional Women Achiever; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Karen Brannen.