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Senate Resolution No. 462

BY: Senator MARTINS

HONORING Nancy and Jerome Federlein upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Community Chest of Port Washington on March 31, 2025

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

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Nancy and Jerome Federlein, upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Community Chest of Port Washington, to be recognized at its Awards Ceremony at the Public Library in Port Washington, New York, on Monday, March 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Annually, since 1969, the Community Chest of Port Washington has chosen an extraordinary resident, residents, or organization as its Citizen of the Year; this award honors a lifetime of outstanding volunteer service to the Port Washington, New York, community; and

WHEREAS, This year, it is a privilege to recognize Nancy and Jerome Federlein as the 49th Citizens of the Year, honoring them for a lifetime of outstanding volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Smith was born in Alexandria, Egypt, where her mother's family lived and her father was stationed in the Royal Navy during World War II; her family moved to Bolton, England, at the end of the war; she graduated from the University of Bradford with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry; and

WHEREAS, Throughout high school and college, Nancy Smith participated and volunteered in various extracurricular activities; she was accepted into the Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO), the equivalent to the Peace Corps, after college and was based in Nsukka, Nigeria, as a science teacher for a year; and

WHEREAS, Jerome Federlein was born in Bronx, New York, and was raised there and in Bayside, Queens; he graduated from the University of Delaware and joined the United States Peace Corps in 1965, serving as Agricultural and Rural Development Officer for the Eastern Nigerian government; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Smith and Jerome Federlein met in Nigeria; Nancy moved to the United States in 1968, and the couple were married that same year; in 1973, they settled in Port Washington; and

WHEREAS, After earning a Master of Science in Chemistry from Adelphi University in 1980, Nancy Federlein taught for 22 years while serving as a faculty advisor for various school clubs; and

WHEREAS, Jerome Federlein received his Master of Business Administration degree at Baruch College in New York City; he worked for the United States Public Health Service while completing his graduate studies; and

WHEREAS, In 1973, Jerome Federlein began a 15-year career with Citibank in various Human Resources and organizational development roles, serving the Bank's operations and international divisions; after leaving the Bank in 1989, he consulted on international development projects prior to the final role in his career, as Personal Financial Advisor, retiring in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Presently, Nancy Federlein volunteers with the Laundry Love program at the Port Jewish Center; Jerome Federlein is a Board Member at the Community Chest of Port Washington, continuing his work on event committees; and

WHEREAS, Together, Nancy and Jerome Federlein volunteer with Plant a Row for the Hungry, assisting with the distribution of fresh produce to the food pantry at Our Lady of Fatima Roman Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the decades of their community service, a period of constructive involvement in countless programs, organizations, and services, Nancy and Jerome Federlein have stood constant in dignity and good grace; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Nancy and Jerome Federlein have displayed throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records this tribute to Nancy and Jerome Federlein, that future generations may know and appreciate their admirable character, their many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which they are held by their peers; now,

therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Nancy and Jerome Federlein upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Community Chest of Port Washington; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Nancy and Jerome Federlein.