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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Stephanie Heineman upon the occasion of her retirement after many years of distinguished service as Director of the Northport-East Northport Public Library

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals and organizations that are devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

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 also the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding individuals whose professional lives, personal endeavors and community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, friends, and family; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Stephanie Heineman upon the occasion of her retirement after many years of distinguished service as Director of the Northport-East Northport Public Library; and

WHEREAS, After more than 20 years of service, Stephanie Heineman, Director of the Northport-East Northport Public Library, will retire in July 2009; she assumed leadership of the Library in 1988; her retirement is the culmination of almost 40 years as a library professional on Long Island; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure at the Northport-East Northport Public Library, Stephanie Heineman was renowned for her strong commitment to raise the profile of the library through vigorous marketing of services

to the community; her remarkably successful efforts included: the innovative "Taking the Stacks to the Streets" program; an ongoing current events and historical perspectives discussion series; and the establishment of unique teen services and opportunities programs; and WHEREAS, A passionate proponent of fostering the love of reading in children, Stephanie Heineman encouraged the Library's unique progressive series, "The Road to Reading," and the creation of The Museum Cove, a specially designed learning environment for children and their families; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie Heineman also instituted both the Library's "Special Loan Service for Our Schools" program, establishing a partnership between the Library and local schools, and "Parent Center," providing support to parents through special collections and dedicated workshops; and

WHEREAS, The dedicated and inspired leadership of Stephanie Heineman as Director of the Northport-East Northport Public Library resulted in the Library's being named the recipient of The Good Neighbor Award, conferred in 2005 by THE TIMES OF NORTHPORT; in 2009, LIBRARY JOURNAL magazine confirmed the accomplishments made possible under her management by honoring the Library as a "four star library," ranking it among the top 3.5 percent of the nation's public libraries; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie Heineman has continually sought to advance libraries as dynamic entities, a growing resource, and an essential component of local communities; she is active and instrumental in the Long Range Planning Committee of the Suffolk Cooperative Library System, the Public Library Directors' Association, and as a Board Member of the Long Island Library Resources Council; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Stephanie Heineman serves as an adjunct professor at C.W. Post/Long Island University; she is a past president of the Northport Rotary Club and in 1995 was named a Paul Harris Fellow; and WHEREAS, Stephanie Heineman's extraordinary vision, commitment, and

talent have been the foundation that has energized the Northport-East Northport Public Library for so many years; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Stephanie Heineman has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor, and has earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues, family and friends; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when an individual of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention, she should be recognized and applauded by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Stephanie Heineman upon the occasion of her retirement after many years of distinguished service as Director of the Northport-East Northport Public Library; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Stephanie Heineman, Director, Northport-East Northport Public Library, Northport, New York 11768.