

## **2009-K579**

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating George S. K. Rider upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition as recipient of the 2009 Distinguished Citizen Award from the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Bay Shore and the Bay Shore BID

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those distinguished citizens who devote their time and energies to the service of their community and profession, participating in civic affairs and enhancing the character and quality of life for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate George S. K. Rider upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition as recipient of the 2009 Distinguished Citizen Award from the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Bay Shore and the Bay Shore BID; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the Ninth Annual Bay Shore-Brightwaters Award Dinner, to be held on Thursday, May 21, 2009, at Captain Bill's restaurant in Bay Shore, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born in 1932 at 11 Maple Avenue in Bay Shore, New York, George S. K. Rider's early education was spent in Bay Shore, followed by four years at Phillips Academy, Andover; he then graduated from Yale University where he earned his B.A. in Economics; and

WHEREAS, After serving in the United States Navy as an officer on Destroyer duty in the North Atlantic and Mediterranean, George S. K. Rider spent most of his career as an equity sales trader at Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, and Dillon Reed; and

WHEREAS, In September 1958, George S. K. Rider was married to the late Betsy Waskowitz, who passed away in 1963; remarried to his current wife of 45 years, Dorothy Crawford, George and Dorothy together have a son, Graham; and a daughter, Jennifer; they also have four beloved grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Retired in 1995, George S. K. Rider then discovered his two true passions in life: community service and creative writing; and

WHEREAS, George S. K. Rider has served on the boards of the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Bay Shore and the Bay Shore BID; he was one of the drafters of the original blueprint that serves as the by-laws of the Bay Shore-Brightwaters Summit Council, and has served on its board since inception, chairing the Downtown Redevelopment Committee; and  
WHEREAS, In 1998, George S. K. Rider initiated an extraordinarily successful program between Bay Shore High School and Andover's Summer Session that has resulted in significant scholarship money being awarded to area students to attend prestigious colleges and universities; and  
WHEREAS, Currently working on a book of essays entitled, THE ROGUE'S ROAD TO RETIREMENT, George S. K. Rider was recently published in THE SOUTHAMPTON REVIEW; and  
WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, George S. K. Rider has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and  
WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which George S. K. Rider has displayed throughout his life; 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 congratulate George S. K. Rider upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition as recipient of the 2009 Distinguished Citizen Award from the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Bay Shore and the Bay Shore BID; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to George S. K. Rider.