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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Colleen Skadl upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Education Award by the Town of Brookhaven Office of Women's Services on March 26, 2009

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, Colleen Skadl 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Colleen Skadl upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Education Award by the Town of Brookhaven Office of Women's Services in celebration of National Women's History Month at its 23rd Annual Women's Recognition Night, held on Thursday, March 26, 2009, at Brookhaven Town Hall Auditorium, Farmingville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Colleen Skadl is being honored for her professional achievements as well as for the generosity and enthusiasm with which she graces the Town of Brookhaven; and

WHEREAS, Colleen Skadl, a Social Studies teacher at Longwood High School, was educated at the State University of New York at Stony Brook; and

WHEREAS, Joining the staff at Longwood High School in 1998, a school of nearly 300 teachers and 3,200 students, Colleen Skadl has distinguished herself as not only a talented and dedicated teacher, but as a motivator of students and faculty alike; and

WHEREAS, Colleen Skadl teaches both advanced and "at risk" students and has been instrumental in establishing a number of innovative programs including the "Gamers Guide" and the Leo Club; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Colleen Skadl works with Longwood High School's alternative school and has spent countless hours helping create the alternative school's first newspaper; clearly her dedication and passion for teaching have earned her the respect and admiration of the Longwood community; and

WHEREAS, Always encouraging her students to think outside the box, and think of others, Colleen Skadl recently spearheaded an effort to raise money for the "Invisible Children" campaign to help build schools in war-torn Uganda; the students and the entire school body joined in this effort raising a significant amount through various fundraisers such as a talent show and collecting over 50,000 books; due to this tremendous effort, Longwood High School was ranked among the top five in the Nation for fundraising for this project; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Colleen Skadl 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 Colleen Skadl has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Colleen Skadl upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Education Award by the Town of Brookhaven Office of Women's Services on March 26, 2009; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Colleen Skadl, Yaphank, New York.