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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dennis A. Suskind upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Independent Group Home Living, Inc.

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, Dennis Suskind has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dennis A. Suskind upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Independent Group Home Living, Inc., on Thursday, May 13, 2010, at Flower Field in St. James on Long Island; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Suskind has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Independent Group Home Living, Inc. (IGHL), one of New York State's largest not-for-profit organizations, has more than 5,000 children, adults, and their families, benefitting from a wide range of programs, services and support including state-of-the-art facilities and over 85 innovative training and educational programs for children and adults with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Dennis A. Suskind, Vice Chairman of Bridgehampton National Bank, retired as General Partner of Goldman Sachs & Co. in 1991; he continued full-time with a variety of business, civic and philanthropic activities and appointments; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Suskind is President of the Hampton Classic Horse Show, which takes place every August in Bridgehampton; he also currently

serves on the Board of Directors of CME Group, Inc., the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and the Marymount School of New York; in 2001, he was elected to hold a Town Council seat in the Town of Southampton; and WHEREAS, Dennis Suskind previously served as Vice Chairman of the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), Vice Chairman of the Commodity Exchange (COMEX), a member of the Board of Directors Futures Industrial Association, a member of the Board of Directors of International Precious Metals Institute, Chairperson of the Financial Times International Gold Conferences, and a member of the Board of Directors of both of the Gold and Silver Institutes in Washington, D.C.; he has served as a member of the President's Council of the Peconic Land Trust and on the Board of the Directors of the Nature Conservancy; in addition, he was one of the select few to be elected as an inaugural member to the Futures Industry Association's Hall of Fame in 2005; and WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Dennis Suskind has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Cynthia, and their four children, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Dennis Suskind has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dennis A. Suskind upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Independent Group Home Living, Inc.; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dennis A. Suskind.