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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Bay Shore Historical Society

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 organizations and individuals that are devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Bay Shore Historical Society; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the Tenth Annual Bay Shore-Brightwaters Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner, to be held on Thursday, May 20, 2010, at Captain Bill's in Bay Shore, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Bay Shore Historical Society was founded in 1985 by Mary Rogers McDonald with the express intent of collecting, preserving and sharing the rich history of the Bay Shore community; the Society received its Absolute Charter from the State of New York in 1996; and

WHEREAS, G. Herbert McDonald served as the Bay Shore Historical Society's first president presiding over 134 charter members; seven of the charter members still volunteer at the Society weekly; and

WHEREAS, In 1985, the Society acquired Dr. Mary Holt's former circa 1820 residence on East Main Street located just west of Southside Hospital; as the oldest Main Street tradesman's house remaining in Bay Shore, it became the center of the Society's activities; and

WHEREAS, In 1986, the Bay Shore Historical Society's historic house was loaded on a flatbed truck and moved to 22 Maple Avenue, its present location; the house was carefully restored over the next five years, with the work being done mostly by the Society's members; and

WHEREAS, Formally named the Gibson-Mack-Holt House in honor of some of the families who resided there through its history, the Bay Shore Historical Society's house was dedicated by Msgr. Robert Emmet Fagan and was opened to the public in 1991; it is staffed by volunteer members of the Society; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of its current President, Robert G. Hancock, the Bay Shore Historical Society is maintained by dedicated volunteers who are committed to preserving the local heritage of Bay Shore; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Bay Shore Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when an organization of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention, it 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 commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Bay Shore Historical Society; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Robert G. Hancock, President, Bay Shore Historical Society, 22 Maple Avenue, Bay Shore, New York 11706.