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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ron Carlson upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of distinguished service to the Village of Port Jefferson

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Ron Carlson upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of distinguished service to the Village of Port Jefferson to be celebrated on Friday, March 11, 2011, at Lombardi's on the Sound at Port Jefferson Country Club, Port Jefferson, New York; and

WHEREAS, For more than three decades, Ron Carlson rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service as Director of Parks and Recreation to the Village of Port Jefferson, serving with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Beginning his career with the Village of Port Jefferson in 1975, Ron Carlson after one short year established a Parks Division for the village; he then expanded it further, adding a Senior Adult Division thereby creating a full-service Recreation and Parks Department, serving all age groups; and

WHEREAS, Shortly after, Ron Carlson initiated a popular Annual Harbor Front Concert Series, bringing entertainment each summer to thousands of people in Port Jefferson and its surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man was also responsible for beginning the Annual Village Golf Tournament, forming monthly bus trips to surrounding areas, expanding the Adult Softball League and initiating a Broom Brigade to help with a Village-wide clean up; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Ron Carlson helped to promote the Annual Arts and Crafts Show and a year-round beautification program, as well as the first Annual Village Biathlon; and

WHEREAS, After the development of the new Village Center, Ron Carlson took over as the first Village Center Director, a position he held for

five years until his recent retirement; and

WHEREAS, Under Ron Carlson's luminous leadership, the Village of Port Jefferson's Department of Parks and Recreation has won 13 awards for excellence in journals, programming, annual reports, and facility design; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Ron Carlson was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with the Village of Port Jefferson, Ron Carlson earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Ron Carlson upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ron Carlson.