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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Helen Crosson, Alice DelBosco, Carol DuBois and Julie Rinaldini upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Legacy of Conservation Award by the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary and Audubon Center

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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding individuals whose professional lives, personal endeavors and community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, friends, and family; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Helen Crosson, Alice DelBosco, Carol DuBois and Julie Rinaldini upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Legacy of Conservation Award by the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary and Audubon Center; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the Center's 2011 Legacy of Conservation Gala, to be held on Saturday, May 7, 2011, at the Piping Rock Club in Locust Valley, New York; and

WHEREAS, Located in Oyster Bay, New York, the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary and Audubon Center was established in 1923 as the first Audubon Songbird Sanctuary in the nation; its original purpose was to provide a protected environment for songbirds whose populations were declining due to habitat loss; and

WHEREAS, A vibrant resource offering a wide variety of activities, including environmental education, wildlife research, and conservation advocacy, the mission of the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary and Audubon Center is to connect people with nature while promoting a sense of environmental stewardship through natural science educational programs; and

WHEREAS, Director of the Cold Spring Harbor Library, Helen Crosson is not only an active champion of the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary and Audubon Center, but also instrumental in the creation of the Cold Spring Harbor Library and Environmental Center, the first and only library on

Long Island dedicated to the environment; and

WHEREAS, With her years of experience, Helen Crosson has shown the impact that public libraries have on communities; through partnerships with many organizations, she has served and promoted the informational, cultural, educational and recreational needs of the public; and

WHEREAS, A Board Member of the Huntington Oyster Bay Audubon Society, the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary and Audubon Center, and Audubon New York, Alice DelBosco has been an advocate for environmental education and conservation for many years; she is Chair of the Audubon New York Education Committee and guided the implementation of its state-wide education plan; and

WHEREAS, A recipient of the Norman L. Stotz Award for Extraordinary Volunteer Services, Alice DelBosco has been a valued member of the Audubon community for over 40 years; she was a founding member of the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary and Audubon Center and is President of Huntington Audubon; and

WHEREAS, Carol DuBois is a former President of the Action for the Conservation and Preservation of the North Shore of Long Island and a Board Member of the Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery and Aquarium; she has dedicated most of her life to environmental conservation; and

WHEREAS, A founding member and former President of the Winter Wheezers Hiking group, Carol DuBois is a dedicated volunteer to many organiza-

tions, including the Nassau Chapter of the American Red Cross and Doubleday-Babcock Senior Center in Oyster Bay; and

WHEREAS, Through her longtime work with the North Shore Land Alliance (NSLA) to preserve Long Island's unique cultural and environmental treasures, Julie Rinaldini has made a profound impact on her community; her involvement and generosity to NSLA have led to the preservation and protection of many habitats on Long Island; and

WHEREAS, Julie Rinaldini is an active advocate and devoted volunteer to numerous local organizations and charities, including the Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities, Nassau County Museum of Art, and Old Westbury Gardens; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Helen Crosson, Alice DelBosco, Carol DuBois and Julie Rinaldini have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor, and have earned the respect and admiration of

their colleagues, family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Helen Crosson, Alice DelBosco, Carol DuBois and Julie Rinaldini have displayed throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Helen Crosson, Alice DelBosco, Carol DuBois and Julie Rinaldini upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Legacy of Conservation Award by the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary and Audubon Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Helen Crosson, Alice DelBosco, Carol DuBois and Julie Rinaldini.