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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Susan Storms upon the occasion of her designation as the Merrick Life 2011 Mother of the Year

WHEREAS, Individuals who devote their lives to raising their families to enable them to build lives of dignity and self-worth are deserving of the highest praise and recognition; and

WHEREAS, Susan Storms has given not only of her time and energies but also of her love, competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor by Merrick Life, which serves Merrick, New York, and its surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Susan Storms upon the occasion of her designation as the Merrick Life 2011 Mother of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Susan Storms is the proud mother of two daughters, both of whom are loving and caring individuals serving as a testament to their mother; and

WHEREAS, Nominated by her daughter Lauren, Susan Storms has dedicated her life to raising her family; however, for over the past year she has served as her children's beacon as they have been coping with the long crusade to diagnose Lauren's mystery illness since January of 2010; and

WHEREAS, Susan Storms attributes her gift of mothering to her own mom and dad, and the way she was raised with loving care and a strong German family in a quaint colonial home she loved in Oak Park, Merrick, New York; and.

WHEREAS, Having been a bellbottom wearing hippie then a determined career-minded young woman, Susan Storms married her husband Charlie at the age of 30 in 1978, and their two amazing daughters came soon after to complete their happy family; and

WHEREAS, Susan Storms believes that like everything else, mothering has its ups and downs but the greatest reward has been to see her two beautiful daughters grow up and become the young women she is so proud of today; and

WHEREAS, When her girls were young, Susan Storms always made it possible for them to be involved in soccer, Girl Scouts, and dance class; in

addition, she encouraged them to volunteer for community organizations and led by example, becoming very involved with the Chatterton PTA; and WHEREAS, While juggling the responsibilities of motherhood, Susan Storms worked full time as a telecommunications consultant for various Wall Street firms, only to come home and whip up an amazing home-cooked dinner, keep the house clean enough to eat off the floor, and decorated like a Martha Stewart magazine photo shoot; and WHEREAS, Susan Storms was the epitome of those "Wonder Woman" mothers; those moms who work all day in a serious profession and who still manage to fulfill the traditional mother and homemaker role, a difficult balancing act; and WHEREAS, Strong and resilient, her children consider Susan Storms to be the rock of their family and the even keel that steadies them during the storm, always managing to find the silver lining in any situation; and WHEREAS, A woman of singular distinction, Susan Storms takes pride in her family and they, in turn, respect the value of motherhood; and WHEREAS, New York State is home to countless women, strong and colorful threads vital to the fabric of our rich heritage, who have and continue to contribute to the advancement of our culture through their traditional and non-traditional roles in society, especially the important role of mother; Susan Storms represents a model of professional, community and family life worthy of emulation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Susan Storms upon the occasion of her designation as the Merrick Life 2011 Mother of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Susan Storms.