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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Kathleen Randall upon the occasion of her designation as the 2011 Mother of the Year by the Freeport Baldwin Leader Community Newspaper

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, Kathleen Randall 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 the Freeport Baldwin Leader Community Newspaper, which serves both Freeport and Baldwin, New York, as well as the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Kathleen Randall upon the occasion of her designation as the 2011 Mother of the Year by the Freeport Baldwin Leader Community Newspaper; and

WHEREAS, Nominated by her children, Kathleen Randall Notheis, Doreen Randall Laffin, Robert Randall, and Shawn Randall, Kathleen Randall, of Freeport, New York, has dedicated her life to raising her family; however, for many years she has served as her children's beacon of bravery and strength after her husband, a Nassau County police officer lost his life in a car accident; and

WHEREAS, When Kathleen Randall was widowed at the age of 37, with young children, eight to 13 to take care of and very little work experience, she put her strong work ethic to use; always doing what needed to be done to support her family, and facing every challenge head-on, earned her the nickname, "NRA" which stands for Never Refuses Anything; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Randall has made many sacrifices to provide for her family but always remaining joyful while doing so; she had several

different jobs before becoming employed with the Nassau County Police Department; and

WHEREAS, In 1989, Kathleen Randall became the second civilian dispatcher for the Freeport Police Department, often facing the challenging task of sending her own son, Shawn, who serves as President of the Freeport Police Benevolent Association, out on dangerous calls; and

WHEREAS, In her retirement, Kathleen Randall, is now enjoying spending even more time with her children, Kathleen, Doreen, Robert, and Shawn, as well as her eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild; and

WHEREAS, A woman of singular distinction, Kathleen Randall taught her children to be independent in life, but dependent on each other; she 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; Kathleen Randall 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 Kathleen Randall upon the occasion of her designation as the 2011 Mother of the Year by the Freeport Baldwin Leader Community Newspaper; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kathleen Randall, 38 Layton Street, Freeport, New York.