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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Vincent Proto upon the occasion of being named the 2011 Person of the Year by the BELLMORE HERALD

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, Vincent Proto has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Vincent Proto upon the occasion of being named the 2011 Person of the Year by the BELLMORE HERALD in recognition of his extraordinary commitment to his hometown of North Bellmore and his alma mater, Wellington C. Mephram High School; and

WHEREAS, Vincent Proto was born in Brooklyn and moved to North Bellmore, New York, in 1959; he attended Saw Mill Road Elementary School, Jerusalem Avenue Junior High School, and Wellington C. Mephram High School, where he was sports editor of the school newspaper; and

WHEREAS, After graduation, Vincent Proto went on to Hofstra University, where he was an announcer for the football, basketball and wrestling teams and a football statistician; and

WHEREAS, Vincent Proto graduated from Hofstra University in 1974, with a bachelor's degree in accounting and was immediately hired by Haskins & Sells, a major accounting firm that was later taken over by Deloitte & Touche; and

WHEREAS, In 1979, Vincent Proto earned his master's degree in banking from Hofstra, and was soon hired by Bankers Trust, now Deutsche Bank; he currently serves as vice president of risk analysis for this major institution; and

WHEREAS, Vincent Proto has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, In 1991, Vincent Proto began volunteering for the Mephram Alumni Association, and in 1993, he started coaching his children's

softball and baseball teams in the North Bellmore-North Merrick Little League, eventually becoming the organization's director; and

WHEREAS, One year later, Vincent Proto joined the Mepham Sports Boosters Association, serving as president for three years and treasurer for three years; and

WHEREAS, Today, Vincent Proto remains an adviser to the Mepham Sports Boosters Association's executive committee while also volunteering for the Mepham Alumni Association, for which he has served as president and is now treasurer; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Vincent Proto has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Mary, and their children, Catherine, Annemarie and Nicholas, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Vincent Proto has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Vincent Proto upon the occasion of being named the 2011 Person of the Year by the BELLMORE HERALD; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Vincent Proto.