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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Diana O'Neill upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Junior League of Long Island

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, Diana O'Neill has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Diana O'Neill upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Junior League of Long Island, to be celebrated at their 50th Anniversary Gala on Friday, March 30, 2012, at the Woodbury Country Club in Woodbury, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born in Washington, DC, and raised in Arlington, Virginia, Diana O'Neill received a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland before pursuing volunteerism as her second career; and

WHEREAS, Diana O'Neill worked for the United States Department of Treasury's Financial Management Service in Washington, DC, San Francisco, CA, and Austin, TX, rising to Acting Regional Director of the Austin Financial Center from her early beginnings as a systems accountant and cash management specialist; and

WHEREAS, In June of 2001, Diana O'Neill, was named Executive Director of the Long Island Volunteer Center, an affiliate of HandsOn Network, and has been an integral member of the all-volunteer management staff for the past ten years; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her tenure, Diana O'Neill has engaged in efforts involving the recent designation as one of ten New York State Regional

Volunteer Centers, the annual Prom Boutique gown giveaway project, cosponsor of Long Island Volunteer Enterprise, United Nations International Year of Volunteers 2001 outreach chair, the creation of and chair of the Long Island Volunteer Hall of Fame, promotion of Points of Light Institute National Days of Service, volunteer for clothing outreach at the Mary Brennan Inn soup kitchen and welfare to work program of Our Lady of Loretto Parish Social Ministry, the creation of a disaster relief mental health alliance registry, collaborative anti-hunger initiative member, and Long Island VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster); and

WHEREAS, Diana O'Neill has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Diana O'Neill is a past board member of Literacy Nassau, Health and Welfare Council of Long Island, Junior League of Long Island and Junior League of Long Island Sustainers, Child Abuse Prevention Services, Child Care Council of Nassau County, and Association of Professional Volunteer Administrators; and

WHEREAS, Past president of the Junior League of Long Island, Diana O'Neill was grounded in the foundations of nonprofit management and community activism and received the League's 2001 Woman of Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman was also selected by DISTINCTION MAGAZINE as a Women of Distinction in March of 2001; in addition, she was featured as NEWSDAY'S Part 2 cover story in June of 2001, on Telecare in February 2002, and NETWORKING MAGAZINE'S cover story in March of 2006 for her volunteer efforts; and

WHEREAS, Diana O'Neill has been an active member in St. Joseph's Parish, having served on the Parish Advisory Council and the boards of Human Services and Adult Formation and Spirituality; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a

period of constructive involvement, Diana O'Neill has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband of 30 years, Peter O'Neill, and their son, Colin, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Diana O'Neill has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Diana O'Neill upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Junior League of Long Island; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Diana O'Neill.