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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Joan Imhof posthumously upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Junior League of Long Island

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the lives of individuals such as Joan Imhof who distinguished herself through her sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of her community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Joan Imhof posthumously 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, After volunteer offices lost funding by Nassau and Suffolk counties, Joan Imhof recognized the continued need for these essential services on Long Island; subsequently, she founded the Long Island Volunteer Center in 1992; and

WHEREAS, A nonprofit organization, the Long Island Volunteer Center links individuals to organizations with a need for volunteers, provides training and technical assistance on volunteer management, and acts as a resource for volunteer programs and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Joan Imhof also developed the Long Island Volunteer Enterprise (LIVE), which enables over 100 companies to partner with community agencies in ways which use business capabilities to meet community and special project needs; and

WHEREAS, As Director of Volunteer Services for Nassau County, Joan Imhof helped to coordinate the volunteer effort and the support necessary after the tragic Avianca Flight 52 crash in Oyster Bay Cove; in the ensuing months, she helped victims, families, volunteers and first responders deal with the emotional stress they experienced, and she participated in the reunion 20 years later where survivors were able to thank the responders; and

WHEREAS, While partnering with the American Red Cross, Joan Imhof, an

avid swimmer, founded the fundraiser Red Cross Swim-A-Cross with Judge Ute Lally; they ran the event for ten years; and

WHEREAS, A number of years later, Joan Imhof adopted the annual swim idea to raise funds for the North Shore University Hospital-Long Island Jewish Brain Aneurysm Center, part of Cushing Neuroscience Institute; and

WHEREAS, Having taught elementary education, Joan Imhof easily moved into her position as project manager for Newsday's Future Corps, which annually engages over 120,000 students from almost 500 schools in Queens, Nassau, and Suffolk counties in service to their communities; and

WHEREAS, Joan Imhof also presented executive development programs, such as board retreats and sessions on leadership, team building, and integrating personal and business lives, and lectured on corporate volunteerism at Oxford University and the annual Spirit and Leadership Conference; and

WHEREAS, While she was a Bayville Village Trustee, Joan Imhof pioneered the reverse mortgage concept which enables senior Americans to tap into the equity of their homes to provide a more comfortable living situation; this concept was adopted by the New York State Legislature and has since spread across the country; and

WHEREAS, Joan Imhof also developed a regional transportation program, which was the first of its kind in the nation; this prototype has been

replicated throughout the United States and was profiled in THE NEW YORK TIMES; and

WHEREAS, Joan Imhof was the former director of the Presidents Association, the CEO division of American Management Association; she served on the Boards of St. Christopher Otilie, Madonna Heights Services and the Community Advisory Council of the Junior League of Long Island; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman also started Children's Carousel and established a nature preserve on the North Shore; and

WHEREAS, Joan Imhof was the loving wife of John Imhof and the proud mother of two daughters, Meg and Julie; she also had six treasured grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and encouraged by a loving family, Joan Imhof leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a

comforting memory to all she served and befriended; and
WHEREAS, Joan Imhof's life is a portrait of what it truly means to
give of oneself; her remarkable charitable efforts have had a positive
effect; she was a beautiful light in the lives of her family, friends,
and of all those with whom she came in contact and lives on in their
memory; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that those who
enhanced the wellbeing and vitality of others, and who displayed a
unique commitment to humanity have earned the recognition and applause
of the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to
honor Joan Imhof posthumously 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 tran-
smitted to the family of Joan Imhof.