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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Liz Bishop-Goldsmith upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Rochdale Village Board of Directors

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Liz Bishop-Goldsmith upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Rochdale Village Board of Directors, to be celebrated at its Women's History Month Program on March 31, 2012; and WHEREAS, Raised in a small rural farm town on the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland, Liz Bishop-Goldsmith married and moved to Bay Ridge Brooklyn in 1970; she serves as the Human Resources Director at Rochdale Village where she has been employed for 34 years; and WHEREAS, Liz Bishop-Goldsmith is Founder/President of Mothers Against Guns, Inc.; a nonprofit 501 c3 anti-gun violence organization comprised of not only mothers, but fathers, sons, etc., that share a commitment to finding solutions to ending gun violence; and

WHEREAS, An advocate for common sense gun laws, Liz Bishop-Goldsmith founded the non-partisan organization in 1994 after the second one of her two godsons was shot and killed; although she was deeply affected by the murder of her first godson in 1988, she knew something had to be done once gun violence had taken another loved one six years later; and WHEREAS, A registered apartment manager, Liz Bishop-Goldsmith studied Business Administration at Howard University; she is affiliated with the American Management Association, the National Association of Female Executives, the National Society of Human Resource Management, National Association of Home Builders, and she is a member of St. Matthews AME Church in Hollis; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Jasper, and their three sons, as well as their six grandchildren, all of whom feel privi-

leged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and WHEREAS, Liz Bishop-Goldsmith's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Liz Bishop-Goldsmith upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Rochdale Village Board of Directors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Liz Bishop-Goldsmith.