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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Jim Buzzetta upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Townwide Fund of Huntington, Inc. on May 17, 2012

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, Jim Buzzetta 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 Jim Buzzetta upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Townwide Fund of Huntington, Inc., to be celebrated at its 2012 Annual Golf Outing on Thursday, May 17, 2012, at the Huntington Crescent Club in Huntington, New York; and

WHEREAS, A 1984 graduate of Smithtown High School East, Jim Buzzetta attended the University of Vermont, graduating with a Finance Degree in 1988; and

WHEREAS, After a couple of years working in investment and commercial banking, Jim Buzzetta joined the family automotive business, the Competition Automotive Group founded by his father, Joseph Buzzetta, 50 years ago; and

WHEREAS, Jim Buzzetta has managed Mercedes-Benz of Huntington since its inception in 2001; and

WHEREAS, The Buzzetta family operates Competition Toyota/Scion of Middle Island, Competition Subaru of Smithtown, Competition BMW of Smithtown, Competition Infiniti of Smithtown, and Mercedes-Benz of Smithtown; and

WHEREAS, All told, the Competition Automotive Group employs over 400 people and sells nearly 10,000 vehicles each year; and

WHEREAS, Jim Buzzetta 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, Jim Buzzetta believes deeply in giving back to the community;

he serves on the Foundation Board of St. Charles Hospital in Port Jefferson, where he has actively volunteered for 15 years and was awarded the Theodore Roosevelt Award for his service in 2009; and WHEREAS, Jim Buzzetta is also on the board of Alternatives for Children, which is a school that provides therapeutic and educational programs and services to children with disabilities across Long Island; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Jim Buzzetta has been chairman of their road rally fundraiser for 15 years; and

WHEREAS, Personally and through Mercedes-Benz of Huntington, Jim Buzzetta supports the Huntington YMCA, Heckscher Museum, Portledge School, Raynham Hall, Oyster Bay Historical Society, Huntington Chamber of Commerce and many other worthy local causes; and

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

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Colette, and their three sons, James, Daniel and Christopher, 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 Jim Buzzetta has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Jim Buzzetta upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Townwide Fund of Huntington, Inc. on May 17, 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jim Buzzetta.