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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Wantagh Public Library upon the occasion of celebrating its 50th Anniversary

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across the great State of New York is reflective of certain exemplary institutions whose purpose is dedicated to serving the community and the needs of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Wantagh Public Library upon the occasion of celebrating its 50th Anniversary, to be observed at a celebration on Saturday, May 12, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Established by a vote of district residents in February 1962, the Wantagh Public Library is a school district library serving approximately 18,567 residents of the Wantagh Community; and

WHEREAS, The Library first opened in a small rented-store of 2,000 square feet at 3366 Park Avenue in December, 1962 with a collection of 3,000 volumes, a staff of three members and many volunteers from the community, including the Friends of the Wantagh Library, who were very active gaining support for establishing a library within the Wantagh community; and

WHEREAS, In March of 1967, the Wantagh community approved the purchase of the library's present site and constructed a new library building; and

WHEREAS, The Library Board of Trustees engaged the services of architect Henry J. Stojowski of Lattingtown, Long Island, who designed a 16,000 square foot library; the building was completed and occupied in December 1970; and

WHEREAS, The Wantagh Public Library features a unique center core split-level, multi-tier book stack; the administrative area of the library was expanded by 900 feet in 1988; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Wantagh Public Library is to provide materials and services to community residents to meet their informational,

educational and recreational needs; and

WHEREAS, Special emphasis is placed on supporting students at all academic levels and on stimulating young children's interest and appreciation for reading and learning; and

WHEREAS, Steeped in a proud and distinguished history, the Wantagh Public Library may take just pride in its purposeful growth, as it looks forward to continuing to serve the educational, cultural and intellectual needs of the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Wantagh Public Library upon the occasion of celebrating its 50th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Wantagh Public Library.