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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Dr. Perletter Wright-Sutton upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of a 2012 Educational Advancement Foundation Salute To Excellence in Community Education Award

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that individuals who distinguish themselves in their profession and in service to their community and its children merit the highest commendation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Perletter Wright-Sutton, of Washington Rose Elementary School, upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of a 2012 Educational Advancement Foundation Salute To Excellence in Community Education Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wright will be honored at the North Atlantic Region of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's Cluster III Educational Advancement Foundation's Breakfast, to be held at the Double Tree by Hilton in Tarrytown, New York on Saturday, June 23, 2012; and

WHEREAS, The Educational Advancement Foundation (EAF) is dedicated to the pursuit of lifelong learning and each year proudly recognizes individuals who have made a difference in non-traditional educational ways to create an environment in which children can grow; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Perletter Wright-Sutton truly merits such recognition; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wright is the current Principal of Nassau County's Roosevelt Union Free School District's Washington Rose Elementary School in Roosevelt, New York, and has served the district for more than 25 years and exemplifies excellence in public education; and

WHEREAS, A math teacher by trade, Dr. Wright is also an Adjunct Professor at SUNY Old Westbury; she earned her doctoral degree from the University of Massachusetts and has received several awards and recognition for her work as an educator; and, in 2008, she was one of thirteen honorees who received the esteemed Harriet Tubman Humanitarian Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wright is a strong supporter of the Washington Rose

Elementary School community and vowed to parents and students that they would one day move into a newer facility; that dream was realized five years ago, in 2007, when the doors to their new school were opened, an auspicious event which was covered by the NEW YORK TIMES; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her role as a school leader, Dr. Wright is also a member of Math Olympiads, a problem solving contest for students in grades 4 through 8; and

WHEREAS, She is actively involved in the Roosevelt-Freeport Church of Christ as well; she has served as the Director of its Sunday School program for more than 20 years; Dr. Wright is also the church's resident artist, creating decorations for all church events and, she has been a guest speaker for the church's annual Ladies Day Program and, she is a member of the Board of Directors of the Timothy Hill Children's Ranch, a transitional home for adolescent males located in Riverhead, New York; and

WHEREAS, Anyone who has had the privilege of knowing or working with Dr. Wright can attest to her brilliant character; she is a genuine, God-fearing individual, who always puts others needs before her own; she is an advocate for her students and their families, and serves as a role model for many young women; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our atten-

tion, it is appropriate to publicly proclaim and commend them for the edification and emulation of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Perletter Wright-Sutton upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of a 2012 Educational Advancement Foundation Salute To Excellence in Community Education Award on June 23, 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Perletter Wright-Sutton.