

## 2011-K1587

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Huntington Lighthouse in Huntington Harbor, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the preservation of a part of history that served to enhance the growth of this great State, ensuring that the complete history of our State and Nation is shared with present generations of citizens; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Huntington Lighthouse in Huntington Harbor, New York; and

WHEREAS, June 16th, 2012 marks the 100th Anniversary of the Huntington Lighthouse; and

WHEREAS, The Huntington Lighthouse is such an important historical structure in our community; and

WHEREAS, Huntington Lighthouse is a familiar and treasured landmark where seafarers and landlubbers alike will celebrate the occasion with festivities that will highlight its rich history and raise awareness about the restoration work needed to preserve its future; and

WHEREAS, For the past century, boats into Huntington Harbor have been guided safely by the Lighthouse's beacon; this unique Beaux Arts structure is listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, To celebrate its past, and preserve its future, the Huntington Lighthouse is hosting festivities including a "Lighthouse Patch Event"; a kickoff Lighthouse Birthday Beach Party at Gold Star Beach; the first ever Huntington Lighthouse Restaurant Week; a Pub Crawl featuring different versions of a "Riprap Cocktail"; and the annual Huntington Lighthouse Music Fest; and

WHEREAS, The Lighthouse Patch Event is to inform children about the

lighthouse and how it operates; the activities for the Patch will include creating model lighthouses out of beach and recycled materials, learning about lighthouse culture, learning about sailor music and sea shanty music/singing, and learning about lighthouses and how they work; and

WHEREAS, The Huntington Lighthouse Preservation Society (HLPS), which is a nonprofit organization under the leadership of President Pamela Setchell, was recently awarded a grant by the State of New York; to receive the full amount of the grant, HLPS successfully matched the funds for the much needed restoration work largely from donations and the help of volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Additional work is necessary to repair the lighthouse base and surrounding granite boulders, known as riprap, that have been damaged by erosion, storms, ice in the winter and heavy boat traffic; and

WHEREAS, Today, a primary goal of the Huntington Lighthouse is to emphasize the maritime history on the Long Island Sound so that future generations may appreciate the significance of this bygone era; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Huntington Lighthouse in Huntington Harbor, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Huntington Lighthouse Preservation Society.