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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence upon the occasion of its 26th Annual Angel Ball and honoring the recipients of its 2013 Founder's and Humanitarian awards

WHEREAS, Individuals and organizations 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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding individuals and organizations whose professional lives, personal endeavors and community service are an example and inspiration to the community and to colleagues, friends, and family; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence upon the occasion of its 26th Annual Angel Ball and honor the recipients of its 2013 Founder's and Humanitarian awards; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated on Thursday, May 2, 2013, at the Garden City Hotel in Garden City, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (LICADD) is the leading nonprofit organization on Long Island dedicated to addressing the challenges of alcoholism and drug dependence; and

WHEREAS, For 57 years, LICADD has successfully delivered evidence based programs designed to prevent and treat substance abuse and addiction; it offers crisis intervention, screening, brief interventions, referrals to treatment, and planned family interventions to local residents struggling with addiction; and

WHEREAS, LICADD's 2013 Humanitarian Award Recipient and Keynote Speaker, William C. Moyers, is the Vice President of Public Affairs and

Community Relations at the Hazelden Foundation, based in Minnesota; and
WHEREAS, William C. Moyers leads the Hazelden Foundation's advocacy and policy initiatives, using his own life to highlight the power of addiction and promise and possibility of recovery; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, William C. Moyers wrote the New York Times best-selling memoir, "Broken, My Story of Addiction and Redemption"; his new book is "Now What? An Insider's Guide to Addiction and Recovery"; in addition, he has appeared on "Larry King Live", "Oprah", "Good Morning America" and "National Public Radio"; and

WHEREAS, William C. Moyers grew up in Garden City, New York; he is the father of three children and resides in St. Paul, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, LICADD's 2013 Founder's Award is to be presented posthumously to its beloved former Board Chair and longtime board member, Curt Webster, CVLE; and

WHEREAS, Curt Webster was LICADD's Board Chair during a pivotal time in its growth; he helped set the stage for the organization to reach even more young people, serve more families and have a bigger impact than ever before; and

WHEREAS, For over two decades, Curt Webster worked tirelessly to ensure the expansion of LICADD's alcohol and drug prevention programs; his singular devotion to LICADD's mission of saving lives is well-documented; he served on many committees including the Leadership Council, Executive Committee and the Angel Ball Committee, as well as on the Golf Committee where he helped to build the now-legendary R. Brinkley Smithers Golf Invitational; and

WHEREAS, Curt Webster was an accomplished vehicle financing professional and an astute businessman, exemplifying the highest ethical standards and served on many industry boards; in addition to his profes-

sional associations, he helped many community and charitable organizations and was an ardent philanthropist; and

WHEREAS, Leading by the power of example, Curt Webster was devoted to

his family, cared deeply about his community and was an unwavering champion for recovery; he is survived by his beloved wife, Georgina, his children Dawn and Bobby and their spouses, Donna and Peter, and by his grandchildren, Dayna, Luciana, and Peter Curtis; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, both William C.

Moyers and Curt Webster stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor, and earned the respect and admiration of their colleagues, family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which both William C. Moyers and Curt Webster displayed throughout their lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence upon the occasion of its 26th Annual Angel Ball and honor the recipients of its 2013 Founder's and Humanitarian awards; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to William C. Moyers and to the family of Curt Webster.