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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION paying tribute to the Townwide Fund of Huntington, Inc. on its 2014 Annual Golf Outing, and commending this year's honorees Michael Bohlsen and Kurt Bohlsen for special recognition

WHEREAS, Individuals and organizations which serve the economic well-being and interests of the people of this great Empire State merit the commendation of this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are enhanced by the concerned and dedicated efforts of business organizations and individuals that generously contribute to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to pay tribute to the Townwide Fund of Huntington, Inc. on its 2014 Annual Golf Outing, and commend this year's honorees Michael Bohlsen and Kurt Bohlsen for special recognition, to be celebrated Thursday, May 15, 2014, at the Huntington Crescent Club in Huntington, New York; and

WHEREAS, Michael Bohlsen and Kurt Bohlsen are the co-owners of Bohlsen Restaurant Group, the third generation of the Bohlsen family to carry on a tradition of fostering a creative, high-performing, and world-class atmosphere for their guests, employees, and the communities in which they live and work; and

WHEREAS, Born into this sterling business, when they were little, the brothers had their weekly weight progress checked on the kitchen meat scales, and took naps on top of the cash safe; when they were tall enough, they helped fill ketchup bottles, restocked sugar and salt packets, and tattled on the old folks who stuffed their pockets-with those very packages; and

WHEREAS, Michael and Kurt Bohlsen moved quickly on to bussing tables, bartending, cooking, and acquiring the skills necessary to eventually take over the family enterprise; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, Michael and Kurt Bohlsen opened Huntington Harbor's Prime, and four years later, came the chic and casual VERACE in Islip, New York; and

WHEREAS, Newly acclaimed as the No. 1 restaurant on Long Island in 2012, the Bohlsen brothers opened their four-star Asian establishment, Monsoon, in Babylon, New York; and

WHEREAS, They went on to launch the Harbor Club at Prime in 2013, their first dedicated celebration venue, and second on the waterfront, next to Prime; and

WHEREAS, The family's other long-standing establishments on Long Island's dining scene are Tellers in Islip, Beachtree in East Islip, and H2O in Smithtown; and

WHEREAS, The Bohlsen family's strong belief in giving back to their patrons, and their selfless humanitarian spirit has benefited the Long Island community in many ways, such as hosting fundraising events for Babylon Village victims of Super Storm Sandy, North Shore Animal League, Long Island Cares, local breast cancer coalitions, and local medical centers; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to the Townwide Fund of Huntington, Inc. on its 2014 Annual Golf

Outing, and commend this year's honorees Michael Bohlsen and Kurt Bohlsen for special recognition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael Bohlsen and Kurt Bohlsen, Owners, Bohlsen Restaurant

Group.