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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Morgan Hanel and Luis Costa upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Nassau County Physical Education Student of the Year Award

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes pleasure in honoring talented high school athletes who distinguish themselves and their community through outstanding academic and athletic performance; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition enhances the moral and physical development of the young people of this State, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the value of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, imparting a desire for success and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Morgan Hanel and Luis Costa upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Nassau County Physical Education Student of the Year Award; this momentous occasion, sponsored by the Nassau Zone of the New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, was celebrated at an Awards Banquet in December of 2014, at Crest Hollow Country Club, Woodbury, New York; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious award is given to two high school seniors from Nassau County who exhibit exceptional performance in physical education, scholarship, leadership qualities and service to their school community; and

WHEREAS, Morgan Hanel and Luis Costa are dynamic young adults with boundless energy and a wide range of interests; they have demonstrated commitment to the East Williston School District through their actions and have made a most positive contribution with their time in the district; and

WHEREAS, Morgan Hanel has been an exceptional student throughout her

high school years, with a 4.1 weighted grade point average; as a physical education student, her skill development and attitude have been exemplary; and

WHEREAS, Maintaining a high profile in a variety of school and community programs, Morgan Hanel is a member of the Wheatley Welcomers, Peer Leaders, CSI Challenge/Forensic Competition, Spanish Club, C.A.R.E Club and Student Government where she is President; and

WHEREAS, Active within her community, Morgan Hanel volunteers at Winthrop University Hospital and shares her considerable talents to serve the needs of others as a food preparer at the Ronald McDonald House; and

WHEREAS, Morgan Hanel is currently enrolled in six AP courses, is an AP Scholar with Honors, and has been inducted into the National Honor Society and National Foreign Language Honor Society; in addition, she has received honorable mention recognition on the National Spanish Exam; and

WHEREAS, A four-sport athlete, Morgan Hanel participates in cross country, winter track, lacrosse and track and field; she is also captain of both the winter track and lacrosse teams, and has received All-County Honors in cross country, track and lacrosse; and

WHEREAS, While pursuing a highly competitive academic program, Luis Costa has achieved a 3.97 weighted grade point average; in the physical education setting, he participates with enthusiasm, is considered a leader among his peers and has achieved an outstanding record of accomplishment throughout his high school years; and

WHEREAS, Luis Costa is a three-year starter and captain on the Wheatley/Carle Place football team, the Wheatley lacrosse team and

played basketball for two years; he has received All-County Honors in both football and lacrosse; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his involvement in Wheatley athletics, Luis Costa has pursued and committed himself to helping others as a peer

tutor; and

WHEREAS, Currently enrolled in five AP courses, Luis Costa is a member of the National Honor Society, the National French Honor Society and is an AP Scholar with Distinction; he has been a member and volunteer for the Key Club, the Day of Service and Learning and Peer Tutoring; and WHEREAS, Luis Costa's commitment to The Wheatley School does not end in June, as he has served the district as a summer worker; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, as a senior, Luis Costa leaped into a new venue, becoming a member of the Wheatley Theatre Company; his efforts landed him the role of George Gibbs in "Our Town", the highly acclaimed Wheatley School presentation; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, Morgan Hanel and Luis Costa have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school; and

WHEREAS, With their sense of civic duty and commitment to others, Morgan Hanel and Luis Costa represent the best development of the potential which is inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Morgan Hanel and Luis Costa upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Nassau County Physical Education Student of the Year Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Morgan Hanel and Luis Costa.