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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Deputy Mayor William H. White, Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the Village of Freeport, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens of this great Empire State who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of their community and the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Deputy Mayor William H. White, Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the Village of Freeport, New York, to be celebrated with a surprise party held in his honor on Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at the Coral House in Baldwin, New York; and

WHEREAS, The son of former Freeport Village Mayor William H. White, Sr., William "Bill" H. White, Jr. is a 1974 graduate of Freeport High School; he attended Colgate University in Hamilton, New York, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Since 1979, Bill White has been in the insurance business in Freeport; for almost 30 years, he has been partners with another 1974 Freeport High School graduate at the White and Re Insurance Agency located in Freeport, New York; today, the White and Re Insurance Agency is a strong supporter of student-athletes in Freeport; and

WHEREAS, In June of 1998, Bill White was appointed to the Board of Trustees to fill a vacancy, and was subsequently elected in March of 1999, and re-elected in 2003, 2007, and 2011; he has served as Deputy Mayor for the past year; and

WHEREAS, Prior to serving on the Board of Trustees, Bill White was a member and Deputy Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals for 13 years;

he also served on the Lydia Hall Hospital Task Force, and the Over-Occupancy Task Force in several village administrations; and

WHEREAS, At various times during his tenure as a Trustee, Bill White served as the Village Board's liaison to the Public Works, Building, Electric, Police, and Fire Departments, and the Community Development Agency; he will serve out his final term and officially retire from the Board in April of 2015; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, Bill White is a longtime Director of the Freeport Chamber of Commerce, serving on several committees; in October of 2002, he was the recipient of Freeport's Businessperson of the Year Award by the Nassau County Council of Chambers of Commerce, and in 2004, he was honored by the Freeport Chamber at its annual golf outing; subsequently, the Chamber honored White and Re Insurance Agency in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Bill White is the past president of the Exchange Club of Freeport, an International Service Organization focusing on child abuse prevention, and has served on the local Salvation Army Advisory Board; he also served on the Directors Advisory Council for the De La Salle School, a school for young men in grades 5-8; and

WHEREAS, In April of 2010, Bill White received the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System Award for Excellence at its annual meeting in San Diego, California; this was the first award of its kind given nationally to the individual who has provided leadership in the area of promoting the National Flood Program, and alerting residents to programs for flood mitigation in their community; and

WHEREAS, Bill White has faithfully served as Deputy Mayor of the Village of Freeport; he will be remembered for his honesty, integrity,

keen sense of duty and ability to show a unique grasp of human problems in his official acts; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Elizabeth, and their two daughters, Lauren and Jennifer, all of whom feel privileged to be a

part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for Bill White, and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Deputy Mayor William H. White, Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the Village of Freeport, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Deputy Mayor William H. White, Jr.