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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Anne Nikas-Brigis upon the occasion of her designation as a 2015 Long Island Center for Business and Professional Women Achiever

WHEREAS, Individuals 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 custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to outstanding individuals who distinguish themselves through their exceptional performance, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Anne Nikas-Brigis upon the occasion of her designation as a 2015 Long Island Center for Business and Professional Women Achiever; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the Center's 36th Annual Achievers' Awards Gala, to be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2015; and

WHEREAS, For more than 35 years, the Long Island Center for Business and Professional Women has been dedicated to advancing women in business, industry and the professions; and

WHEREAS, The Long Island Center for Business and Professional Women celebrates and honors women who are leaders, mentors and who have opened doors for other women to help foster their rise in business, the professions and in their community; Anne Nikas-Brigis is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, As a youth, Anne Nikas-Brigis volunteered her time and energies to her local home town at the Flushing YMCA; upon graduation, she embarked on a successful career on Madison Avenue in New York City, but her love and passion of helping others brought her back to the Flushing

YMCA; and

WHEREAS, After seven years of dedicated service at the Flushing YMCA, Anne Nikas-Brigis accepted a position as Associate Executive Director of the Great South Bay Branch; she quickly rose through the ranks and was appointed Executive Director; excitement, accomplishment, and change categorized those first few years; and

WHEREAS, Shortly after, Anne Nikas-Brigis was promoted to Vice President of South Shore Operations, and her responsibilities grew to include the Brookhaven Roe and East Hampton Branches; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, Anne Nikas-Brigis continued her rise by becoming the Senior Vice President, Branch Operations, supervising all Branch operations; in 2010, she was promoted to Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Anne Nikas-Brigis achieved her dream of becoming President/CEO of The YMCA of Long Island, where she continues to flourish today; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her illustrious career with the YMCA, Anne Nikas-Brigis' commitment to excellence and her strategic vision has played a significant role in the expansion and succession of the YMCA of Long Island; in 1994, she brought the Great South Bay YMCA Branch from a one-million dollar operating budget to ten million in 2012; as a result, the Great South Bay facility became the largest of the YMCA Long Island Branch locations with a membership of over 15,000, including 500 children a day enrolled in some form of Child Care; and

WHEREAS, Anne Nikas-Brigis has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades for her exemplary leadership including the Outstanding Service and Leadership Achievement Award by the Association of YMCA Directors, the Save a Child Award by the Rotary Gift of Life, and the

Top Women of 2007 Award by Long Island Business News; in 2010, she was unanimously selected as Ambassador of the Arts for the Great South Bay Boulton Center for the Performing Arts; and

WHEREAS, Active in her community as well as her profession, Ann Nikas-Brigis is a member of the YNAN Steering Committee, and the New York State Alliance and the YMCA Employee Benefits Board; she also serves as Associate Board Member for Bethpage Federal Credit Union; and WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Anthony, and their two children, Joy Kathryn and Nicholas Anthony, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their profession and community, and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Anne Nikas-Brigis upon the occasion of her designation as a 2015 Long Island Center for Business and Professional Women Achiever; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anne Nikas-Brigis, President/CEO, Long Island YMCA.