

## 2015-J1346

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Yvonne Grant 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 Yvonne Grant 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 celebrate and honor 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; Yvonne Grant is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, A resident of North Babylon, New York for more than 30 years, Yvonne Grant attended Hofstra University majoring in History Education; and

WHEREAS, Today, as President/CEO of Girl Scouts of Suffolk County,

Yvonne Grant coordinates the agency's services to more than 40,000 girls and 9,000 adult volunteers; the agency serves one out of every four girls in Suffolk County, and is ranked first in membership share in the nation; and

WHEREAS, In 1980, Yvonne Grant began her illustrious career in Girl Scouts when she became her daughter's Brownie troop leader; after six years as a troop leader, she was appointed as a Girl Scouts Area Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, In 1988, Yvonne Grant joined the staff of Girl Scouts of Suffolk County and rose steadily through the ranks until she was appointed President/CEO by the Board of Directors in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Under Yvonne Grant's luminous direction, Girl Scouts of Suffolk County received the prestigious and inaugural Not for Profit Business Achievement Award by the Hauppauge Industrial Association; she was also the recipient of the Annual Phoenix Award for her efforts on behalf of women and children; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, Yvonne Grant organized the development and opening of Girl Scouts of Suffolk County's Discovery World STEM Center; and

WHEREAS, Active in her community as well as her profession, Yvonne Grant has volunteered in local PTAs, nursery school boards, and Girl Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne Grant has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades for her exemplary leadership role within the community including the Martin Luther King Jr. Meritorious Award; she was also named one of the 50 Most Influential Long Islanders, Woman of the Year by the Zonta Club of Suffolk County, and one of the Top 50 Women on Long Island by LONG ISLAND BUSINESS NEWS; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Yvonne Grant was honored as one of the most distinguished leaders of the community by the Hope Outreach Foundation, and recognized as Woman of the Year by the National Association of Professional Women; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman has been featured in NEWSDAY, LI PRESS, LI BUSINESS NEWS, HAUPPAUGE REPORTER, JET MAGAZINE, FIOS, and NEWS 12 LONG ISLAND; and

WHEREAS, Now in her fourth decade of empowering young women, Yvonne Grant continues to lead one of the region's largest not-for-profit service agencies, reaching out to girls and adults through comprehensive programs and social media, as well as maintaining a vision of a better tomorrow for young women and a commitment to serving the needs of families; and

WHEREAS, Today, Yvonne Grant is married, and the proud mother of three children, as well as the loving grandmother of one grandchild; 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 Yvonne Grant 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 Yvonne Grant.