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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Eileen Knauer upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the MaryJayne Casillo Foundation on May 12, 2015

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, Eileen Knauer has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Eileen Knauer upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the MaryJayne Casillo Foundation, to be celebrated at the Seventh Annual Memorial Event in Memory of MaryJayne Casillo, on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, at the Huntington Yacht Club, Huntington, New York; and

WHEREAS, The MaryJayne Casillo Foundation was created to honor both the memory of a very special and courageous lady, MaryJayne Casillo, and to support all cancer survivors; this vital organization raises funds for various charities, including but not limited to Memorial Sloan-Kettering, Splashes of Hope and Fred's Team, as well as family and friends affected by cancer; and

WHEREAS, Eileen Knauer earned her Bachelor's degree in Business Management from St. Johns University, New York City; and

WHEREAS, In 1986, Eileen Knauer began volunteering her services at the Huntington YMCA; four years later, she became employed as a part-time lifeguard at the center's pool; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her 22 years of service to the Huntington YMCA, Eileen Knauer has held many positions, including both Fitness Instructor and Director, Swim Instructor, Senior Program Director, Water Exercise

Coordinator, Associate Executive Director, and Personal Trainer; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, Eileen Knauer took over the leadership position of Executive Director of the Huntington YMCA; a position she still holds today; and

WHEREAS, Eileen Knauer has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Active in her community, Eileen Knauer is an energetic member of numerous organizations, including the Huntington Chamber of Commerce, Huntington Community Council, Huntington Rotary Club, Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), and the Marcie Mazzola Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, this remarkable woman participates on several committees, such as Town of Huntington Downtown Revitalization, Huntington Kiwanis Club Food Drive, Healthier Tomorrows, and the Town of Huntington-Huntington Station Action Coalition Subcommittee on Education and Human Services, as well as various collaborations with local associations, hospitals and school districts; and

WHEREAS, In her spare time, Eileen Knauer enjoys traveling and reading, studying nutrition, and maintaining her fitness; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Eileen Knauer has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her two children, Joseph and Christine, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Eileen Knauer has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Eileen Knauer upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the MaryJayne Casillo Foundation on May 12, 2015; and be

it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Eileen Knauer.