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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Michael Afshar upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Outstanding Educator of the Year Award by the Suffolk Association for Continuing and Community Education on June 16, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the quality of education in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Michael Afshar upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Outstanding Educator of the Year Award by the Suffolk Association for Continuing and Community Education, to be celebrated at its Annual Awards Dinner on Tuesday, June 16, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The Suffolk Association for Continuing and Community Education (SACCE) was founded to promote lifelong learning opportunities for adults within Suffolk County and beyond the county's borders; its purpose is to advance adult education as a vital factor in adult growth, development and fulfillment; and

WHEREAS, Through the sharing of resources and ideas with colleagues in the Nassau Association, and under the umbrella of the New York State Association, SACCE strives to increase the recognition of and respect for continuing community education and its professionals; in addition, it is the goal of the organization to exercise leadership in the advocacy of adult community and continuing education at the local, state and national levels; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated instructor who has been with Western Suffolk BOCES since 2011, Michael Afshar works as an Adult Instructor for the

evening Career and Technical Education program as a Cisco instructor;  
and

WHEREAS, Michael Afshar's illustrious career began as a database programmer for the Colorado Department of Health; during this time, he excelled in his field, worked his way up, and landed a job with a New York company as a Senior Analyst/Developer; and

WHEREAS, As a result of his hard work and steadfast dedication, Michael Afshar was asked to be a consultant, guest instructor and advisory board member for Westwood College School of Design in California; he went on to earn various technical certifications, allowing him to become the well-rounded instructor he is today; and

WHEREAS, Michael Afshar is currently a Network Engineer for Cisco, which is based in Northport, New York, and provides all technical assistance throughout the state of California; and

WHEREAS, A true leader in his field, Michael Afshar continues to bring quality education to his students; his forethought accounts for continued growth and enhancement of Western Suffolk BOCES curriculums, thus benefiting the students he instructs; he truly takes great pride in helping each of his students achieve their goals; and

WHEREAS, Educators like Michael Afshar provide a tremendous service to the future of our State and Nation, inspiring generations of people in their educational journeys and ensuring their success in their future years; and

WHEREAS, Michael Afshar has clearly had an enduring impact on the students of at Western Suffolk BOCES and the community at large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for many impressive years of dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those individuals who work to support our proud tradition of education by providing their skills and talents to our schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Michael Afshar upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Outstanding Educator of the Year Award by the Suffolk Association for Continuing and Community Education on June 16, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael Afshar.