

## 2015-J2619

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Lorraine LoFrese Conlin upon the occasion of being named the 2015-17 Nassau County Poet Laureate on June 20, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to honor and recognize those individuals whose commitment and creative talents contribute to the cultural enrichment of their communities and of the entire 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 Lorraine LoFrese Conlin upon the occasion of being named the 2015-17 Nassau County Poet Laureate by the Nassau County Poet Laureate Society, to be celebrated with an Installation Ceremony on Saturday, June 20, 2015, at the Farmingdale Public Library, Farmingdale, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Nassau County Poet Laureate Society was established in 2005 to encourage discovery of the poetic voice, to elevate appreciation for the written word, and to enrich the lives of poets and residents of Nassau County and the greater Long Island community through the art of poetry; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Wantagh, New York, Lorraine LoFrese Conlin works as a United States Customs Broker at John F. Kennedy International Airport; and

WHEREAS, With a true passion for writing, Lorraine LoFrese Conlin, in her private life, dedicates herself to the discipline of poetry and the expression of her imagination; she has an extraordinary ability to reconcile feelings and ideas with words; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, Lorraine LoFrese Conlin served as membership director for the Long Island Writers' Guild; during this time, she began writing poetry and publishing her poems in various anthologies and

online publications; she will publish her first book of poetry entitled, COLLAGE, at the end of this summer; and

WHEREAS, Lorraine LoFrese Conlin reads her poems in a number of venues and is on the Board of Directors of the Bards; she is the Events Coordinator of Performance Poets Association and hosts poetry readings at Sip This in Valley Stream as well as the Bellmore Bean Cafe; and

WHEREAS, In addition to hosting countless events, Lorraine LoFrese Conlin attends the Long Island Poetry Collective Workshop and is an active member of the East End Poetry group in Southampton; she also founded Long Island Poets for Darfur and held readings at Hofstra University and the Conklin Barn in Huntington to raise awareness of the war and genocide in Darfur; and

WHEREAS, Active within her community, Lorraine LoFrese Conlin is involved in the Huntington Long Island Poetry Collective and mentors several young Long Island Poets, featuring them, motivating and inspiring them to write; she also founded Formal Night, known as "The Poets Prom," a celebration of form poetry; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion represents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Lorraine LoFrese Conlin, the 5th Nassau County Poet Laureate, for her invaluable contributions to the Art and Culture of Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those individuals who add strength, vigor and inspiration to the cultural diversity and quality of life in the communities of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is most fitting that we take time to celebrate the arts of our Nation, to honor our artists, and to express our appreciation to everyone who patronizes the arts; and as we celebrate the arts, we celebrate and give thanks to our American freedom, the only atmosphere in which artists can truly create and in which art is truly the expression of the soul; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Lorraine LoFrese Conlin upon the occasion of being named the 2015-17 Nassau County Poet Laureate on June 20, 2015, and to wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lorraine LoFrese Conlin.