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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Belle Sylvester upon the occasion of her retirement after 23 years of distinguished service to the Freeport Memorial Library

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Belle Sylvester upon the occasion of her retirement after 23 years of distinguished service to the Freeport Memorial Library; and

WHEREAS, For the past 23 years, Belle Sylvester rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Freeport Memorial Library, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues; and

WHEREAS, In her capacity as a valued staff member of the library, Belle Sylvester served with loyalty, honor and distinction, and was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems in her official acts; and

WHEREAS, In 1991, Belle Sylvester began her career at the Freeport Memorial Library; a music lover, she created the Music Advisory Committee, a group of professional musicians which selects classically trained performers for free library concerts; and

WHEREAS, Politics has always been an interest to Belle Sylvester; she served as a court monitor in Nassau County, and volunteered for several different civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, A vibrant 97 year-old, Belle Sylvester is still active in numerous associations, including COFRONS, COCA, the Family Community Center at the Buffalo Avenue complex, and the Task Force on Drugs established by the Mayor of Freeport; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Belle Sylvester is a founding member of the Freeport Human Relations Board, and a volunteer for the Coalition for Abused Women; currently, she is an active participant of the Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island, as well as a former member of its Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Belle Sylvester was honored by both Columbia Artists management and former Freeport Mayor William Glacken for bringing the finest music to the cultural life of Freeport; she also was recognized by the Long Island Arts Council at Freeport as a Patron of the Arts, and by the Salvation Army for her community service; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Belle Sylvester has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Belle Sylvester, and to wish her continued success in all her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Belle Sylvester.