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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Peter Holmstedt upon the occasion of being designated as recipient of the 2016 Merchant of the Year Award by the Merrick Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those exceptional individuals and businesses which substantially contribute to the economic vitality of their communities and the entire 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 Peter Holmstedt upon the occasion of being designated as recipient of the 2016 Merchant of the Year Award by the Merrick Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, This special occasion will be celebrated at the Merrick Chamber of Commerce 81st Annual Installation Dinner on Thursday, January 28, 2016, at the Chateau Briand in Carle Place, New York; and

WHEREAS, The owner of Holms Service Station in Merrick, New York for over 45 years, Peter Holmstedt has been an integral part of the Bellmore-Merrick community, especially through his unsurpassed generosity to the local school district; and

WHEREAS, Peter Holmstedt has been donating one penny for every gallon of gasoline that he sells to local schools; his collections have resulted in an average annual donation of \$2,400; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Peter Holmstedt annually applies for a math and science grant from ExxonMobil's Education Alliance Program which he donates to a local school; this year's \$500 award was granted to the Camp Avenue Elementary School in North Merrick, New York; and

WHEREAS, Peter Holmstedt recently observed a third grade science class at Camp Avenue Elementary School where students were creating Lego

projects and learning the importance of following step-by-step instructions and conducting experiments; 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; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for Peter Holmstedt and to wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Peter Holmstedt upon the occasion of being designated as recipient of the 2016 Merchant of the Year Award by the Merrick Chamber of Commerce on January 28, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Peter Holmstedt.