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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Officer Andrew Fiorillo upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character who have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State with their strong contributions to the community and model citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Officer Andrew Fiorillo upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the Huntington Foundation's 23rd Annual fundraising Gala on Thursday, February 4, 2016, at OHEKA Castle in Huntington, New York; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1993, the Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education (HFEE) is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to enhancing educational opportunities for all students in the Huntington School District; and

WHEREAS, Officer Andrew Fiorillo has worked as a Suffolk County Police School Resource Officer (SRO) since May of 2004; currently, he is the Suffolk County Police SRO assigned to the Huntington School District; and

WHEREAS, Officer Andrew Fiorillo, widely known around campus as "Officer Drew", has strived to foster understanding, trust and respect for the Suffolk County Police Department through his SRO position; he has successfully defused many potentially negative situations in Huntington Township; and

WHEREAS, As a regular mentor to at-risk students, Officer Andrew Fior-

illo is the liaison between students and social agencies which involves interfacing with precinct investigations, enhanced anti-gang initiatives and the recognition of gang members; and

WHEREAS, Officer Andrew Fiorillo has made presentations on topics ranging from teenage drug and alcohol abuse to gang violence, and is always available to parents, administrators, teachers and students as a resource on just about any topic; and

WHEREAS, A familiar presence at community events and meetings, Officer Andrew Fiorillo's dedication to duty extends far beyond his scheduled tours; he has been known to show up at athletic events, school plays, homecoming activities and even the school prom; and

WHEREAS, During his work with students, Officer Andrew Fiorillo takes every opportunity to emphasize that "character counts"; he has been untiring in trying to instill personal confidence and strong character in the students he encounters each day; 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 commend Officer Andrew Fiorillo upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education on February 4, 2016, and to wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Officer Andrew Fiorillo.