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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Doug Mills upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Community Leadership Award by the Eden II & Genesis Foundation Board of Trustees

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Doug Mills upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Community Leadership Award by the Eden II & Genesis Foundation Board of Trustees, to be celebrated at its Annual Casino Royale Event on Thursday, April 7, 2016, at The Carlton, East Meadow, New York; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Merrick, New York, Doug Mills began working in the back shop of the Printing Emporium at the age of 14 as a printer's apprentice, learning the trade from the ground up; just five years later, he owned the business; and

WHEREAS, For more than three decades, Doug Mills has worked intensely to grow his business; in addition, he has displayed an unwavering commitment to the growth and prosperity of his community; and

WHEREAS, Doug Mills is actively involved in both the Merrick Kiwanis Club and the Chamber of Commerce; as Chamber President in 1991, this esteemed man founded the Merrick Fall Festival which attracts 10,000 to 20,000 visitors annually; and

WHEREAS, Director of the Nassau County Law Enforcement Explorers, Doug

Mills is also a steadfast supporter of the Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and the Eden Foundation, an East Meadow-based organization that aids children with autism; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Doug Mills gives of his time and energy to Let All the Children Play, an organization which builds playgrounds to accommodate children with physical disabilities, as well as the Women's Sports Foundation, an organization established in 1974 to increase women's participation in athletics; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Marsha, and their two sons, Gregory and Matthew, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Doug Mills has displayed throughout his 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 this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Doug Mills upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Community Leadership Award by the Eden II & Genesis Foundation Board of Trustees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Doug Mills.