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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Natalie Weinstein upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Achievers Award by the Long Island Center for Business & Professional Women

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 Natalie Weinstein upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Achievers Award by the Long Island Center for Business & Professional Women, to be celebrated at its 37th Annual Awards Gala on Wednesday, May 4, 2016, at the Fox Hollow, Woodbury, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Long Island Center for Business & Professional Women will honor Natalie Weinstein with this auspicious award in recognition of her extraordinary achievements and significant contributions in her field, opening doors for others to foster a rise in business, the professions, and the community-at-large; and

WHEREAS, Natalie Weinstein, Allied ASID, IDS, is an accredited designer, acknowledged business leader, entrepreneur, author, media personality and motivational speaker; her interior design firm, Natalie Weinstein Design Associates, based in St. James, New York, has been creating lifestyle changes in homes and public spaces, and decorating for countless clients since 1973; and

WHEREAS, In addition to quality residences, Natalie Weinstein is known

for her commercial installations, particularly catering facilities, car dealerships and professional offices; and

WHEREAS, After graduating Phi Beta Kappa, Summa Cum Laude from Queen's College, Natalie Weinstein began her illustrious career as an educator in the New York City public schools where she was one of three selected to pioneer a non-graded primary program which gained national recognition; she later graduated from and became master teacher and executive director of the Willsey Institute for Art and Interior Design where she remained for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Natalie Weinstein's special interest in Long Island's history and architecture is evidenced in her "Long Island Focus" feature in HOUSE magazine which has fascinated readers for almost two decades; currently, she is the interior design expert for WALK Radio 97.5FM, WKJY 98.3 and www.walkradio.com, as well as design consultant for the Peter Andrews stores in Nassau and Suffolk Counties; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, Natalie Weinstein established the Natalie Weinstein Home Decorating Club to help residents of Long Island live a better life through good design; today more than 15,000 members attend her seminars, and her club provides sources, tips and consultations to help "do it yourselves" throughout the tri-state area and online; and

WHEREAS, Natalie Weinstein earned the coveted Ernest L. Rothschild Award from United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism for her steadfast and unwavering commitment to volunteerism; in 2007, the St. James Chamber of Commerce honored her with the first annual Spirit of St. James Award for outstanding community service; and

WHEREAS, Named 2008 Woman of the Year by THE TIMES BEACON RECORD, Natalie Weinstein was also elected one of "60 Over 60" Outstanding Long Island Business Leaders; and

WHEREAS, Natalie Weinstein's fundraising endeavors for Contractors for Kids, a Long Island based organization which aids the families of children with catastrophic diseases, is ongoing at all her seminars and

events; in addition, her consignment shop, Uniquely Natalie, routinely donates furniture to Habitat for Humanity and other organizations helping people to return to their homes; and

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

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Natalie Weinstein upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Achievers Award by the Long Island Center for Business & Professional Women; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Natalie Weinstein.