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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Amy Bass upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Education Foundation on April 15, 2016

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 Amy Bass upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Education Foundation, to be celebrated with a Gala on Friday, April 15, 2016, at the Village Club of Sands Point; and

WHEREAS, Founder and first president of the Port Washington Education Foundation, Amy Bass currently serves as president emerita; and

WHEREAS, After stepping down from the esteemed position of president of the Port Washington Board of Education in 1995, Amy Bass focused on the concept of an education foundation, with the goal of making a difference in the educational experience of Port Washington's students; and

WHEREAS, During this time, Amy Bass organized a steering committee with a commitment to creating something positive for the school district that would also fit well into the landscape of local non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, Established in 2001, and incorporated in early 2002, the Education Foundation supports initiatives that are beyond basic educational needs, enhancing and expanding educational opportunities for all students within the Port Washington public school district; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to the community, Amy Bass is an active supporter of the Port Washington Public Library, where she is president of Friends of the Library; she is also a long-

time board member and former vice president of Port Washington Community Chest and vice president of the League of Women Voters of Port Washington Manhasset; and

WHEREAS, In addition, beyond Port Washington, she is a board member and officer of the Nassau BOCES Educational Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Amy Bass has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the Trailblazer of the New Millennium Award by the Nassau County Legislature, Citizen of the Year by Community Chest of Port Washington, and the Friends Award by Friends of the Library; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, this esteemed woman was placed on the Town of North Hempstead's May W. Newburger Women's Roll of Honor; she was also designated by Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington, League of Women Voters, and Port Youth Council as the honoree at their respective galas; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Geoffrey, their two children, and three grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Amy Bass 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 atten-

tion, 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 Amy Bass upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Education Foundation on April 15, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Amy Bass.