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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Chuck Idol upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 Environmental Advocacy Award by Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality and character of life in the communities of New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of organizations and individuals who devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor

Chuck Idol upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 Environmental Advocacy Award by Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington to be celebrated at its Annual Gala Dinner on Friday, April 8, 2016, at Leonard's of Great Neck in Great Neck, New York; and

WHEREAS, Since 1968, Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington has been dedicated to creating a strong, unified and sustainable community in Port Washington, New York, and its surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, Each year, at its Annual Gala, Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington proudly honors those individuals who have worked to support its mission of helping to make Port Washington an outstanding community in which to live and work; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated community advocate, Chuck Idol is being recognized with the 2016 Environmental Advocacy Award for his work in helping to protect the health of Port Washington residents; and

WHEREAS, In January of 2014, PSEGLI installed 80 foot poles laden with a toxic chemical named Pentachlorophenol (Penta) with no warning given to area residents; and

WHEREAS, Concerned about the health and safety of his fellow citizens, Chuck Idol has worked for the past year with the Residents' Peninsula

Aquifer Committee to address this vital issue; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Chuck Idol has engaged in substantial amounts of research, and compared his findings with other communities to learn more about the best possible solutions; he has also built a database of decision makers and influencers at every level of government from local water districts to the head of the EPA; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, this tireless advocate has created an on-line petition, drafted op-ed pieces, started a letter writing campaign, and used social media and a blog to connect with residents all over the country concerned about Penta; and

WHEREAS, While this important issue is still ongoing, Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington is grateful for Chuck Idol's passionate commitment and valiant advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Chuck Idol has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Chuck Idol has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent 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 honor Chuck Idol upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Environmental Advocacy Award by Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chuck Idol.