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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Toni and Martin Sosnoff upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by Hofstra University on May 5, 2016

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Toni and Martin Sosnoff have given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently have been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Toni and Martin Sosnoff upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by Hofstra University at its 20th Annual Gala on Thursday, May 5, 2016, at the Mack Sports and Exhibition Complex, North Campus, Hempstead, New York; and

WHEREAS, Toni and Martin Sosnoff are receiving this auspicious award for their devotion to their profession and sincere dedication and substantial roles as community leaders; they have continuously cast a positive impact on their community and displayed an unbridled enthusiasm in all their professional and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, For decades, Toni and Martin Sosnoff have been actively engaged in various areas of personal interest, including medicine, education, animals and, especially, the performing and visual arts, particularly contemporary art; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Hofstra University class of 1963, Toni Sosnoff earned her Bachelor's degree in Drama; Martin Sosnoff received his Bachelor's degree from The City College of New York and his Master's in Business Administration from New York University; in addition, he is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA); and

WHEREAS, For two decades, Martin Sosnoff served as a Trustee of Bard College, and manages the school's endowment fund; he held the title of Overseer at the Stern School of Business, New York University and is an active participant on the American Ballet Theatre Board of Directors and Chairs its investment committee; and

WHEREAS, For over 50 years, Martin Sosnoff has worked on Wall Street; currently, he holds the title of CEO and Chief Investment Officer for Atalanta Sosnoff Capital, LLC; and

WHEREAS, A prolific author, Martin Sosnoff has written three books on the money management business including SILENT INVESTOR, SILENT LOSER; HUMBLE ON WALL STREET; and, most recently, MASTER CLASS FOR INVESTORS: STAND ALONE TO WIN BIG; in addition, he writes weekly for FORBES.COM and was a columnist for THE NEW YORK POST; and

WHEREAS, Together, Toni and Martin Sosnoff are co-founders of the Martin and Toni Sosnoff Foundation, which supports medical research and education, among its charitable efforts; the foundation is currently involved with Northern Dutchess Hospital's new building program and Mount Sinai Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Generous benefactors of the Arts, Toni and Martin Sosnoff are active collectors of contemporary art and support museums and the performing arts in dance, theater and music; in 2009, they made the single largest donation from an individual to the American Ballet Theatre; their substantial contribution created the New Works Fund to broaden the dance company's repertoire; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Toni and Martin Sosnoff donated major gifts of art to The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Guggenheim Museum, Art Institute of Chicago, and The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, as well as The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum in Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, Their generosity was instrumental in the refurbishment of the theater in the John Cranford Adams Playhouse at Hofstra University; in recognition of their charity, the theater was named the Toni and Martin

Sosnoff Theater in their honor; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Toni and Martin Sosnoff are members of the Board of Governors of The Richard B. Fisher Center for the Performing Arts at Bard College, and its main theater was also named in recognition of their good deeds and philanthropy; and

WHEREAS, Recently, Toni and Martin Sosnoff moved from New York to Florida, where they live with their beloved five dogs and three horses; they are beginning outreach to institutions focused on the performing arts, such as the Palm Beach Opera, Chamber Music Society and the enchanting zoo; and

WHEREAS, An accomplished equestrian, Martin Sosnoff remains an active competitor in dressage; a dog lover, Toni Sosnoff's standard poodle, Ally, was judged reserve Best-in-Show Winner at the February of 2014 Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show; for the last 25 years, Toni has maintained an active breeding and exhibition program for both standard and toy poodles; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Toni and Martin Sosnoff have displayed throughout their lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Toni and Martin Sosnoff upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Toni and Martin Sosnoff.