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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Mark Baisch upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Rocky Point Lions Club

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Mark Baisch upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Rocky Point Lions Club at its A "Lions" Taste of Long Island event held on Wednesday, April 20, 2016, at The Inn at East Wind, Wading River, New York; and

WHEREAS, Mark Baisch grew up on Woodville Road in the Village of Shoreham, New York; he graduated from Earl L. Vandermeulen High School and went on to earn his Bachelor's degree in Aeronautical Engineering; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from college, Mark Baisch focused his engineering skills in the field of industrial process control and soon had valuable hands-on knowledge of numerous industrial process operations, leading to a career in Paper and Boxboard Production Management; and

WHEREAS, Mark Baisch rose through the ranks, holding the position of Vice President of Manufacturing of a major east coast recycled paper-board producer; and

WHEREAS, In 1988, Mark Baisch founded Patriot Paper in Boston, Massachusetts; the company was the first operation in North America to manufacture 100% recycled printing, writing and envelope grades of paper from office waste paper; three years later, a large Canadian Paper and Forest Products entity purchased Mark's interest in Patriot Paper; and

WHEREAS, Mark Baisch then returned to his hometown of Shoreham, and began buying distressed and foreclosed properties, primarily in Suffolk

County; this venture led to the formation of Landmark Properties, which builds single family homes and senior condominiums; to date more than 1,000 homes and condominiums have been delivered; and

WHEREAS, Mark Baisch 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, Recognizing that our Nation's soldiers deserve to be commended and thanked for their service, Mark Baisch, along with Joe Cognitore of Rocky Point VFW, conceived a plan to build homes for returning Iraq and Afghanistan veterans; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Mark Baisch and Landmark Properties are involved with the preservation of the Tesla Science Center and have assisted in numerous environmental studies, and contract and title issues, as well as the ultimate purchase of this valuable historical property; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, in 2013, this remarkable man loaned the Rocky Point Historic Society funds to purchase the 1721 Noah Hallock House, preserving it as a local treasure; and

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

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Mark Baisch 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 commend Mark Baisch upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Rocky Point Lions Club; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Mark Baisch.