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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Irene V. Scheid for her 25 years of distinguished service as Executive Director of Alley Pond Environmental Center, and this year's recipient of the Environmental Education Award

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 Irene V. Scheid for her 25 years of distinguished service as Executive Director of Alley Pond Environmental Center, and this year's recipient of the Environmental Education Award; this momentous occasion will be celebrated at its Green Gala, Celebrating 40 Years, on Monday, June 20, 2016, at Terrace on the Park, Flushing, New York; and

WHEREAS, Irene V. Scheid began her illustrious career at Alley Pond Environmental Center (APEC) as a college intern in August of 1980; she became a staff member in January of the following year, upon graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies from St. John's University; and

WHEREAS, Through Alley Pond Environmental Center, Irene V. Scheid participated in the Watson/Sierra Club Summer Ecology Workshops, week-long workshops exploring the environment and natural history of various sites in New Jersey and New York; and

WHEREAS, Beginning as an Administrative Assistant, Irene V. Scheid climbed the ranks of APEC to become Office Manager, Assistant Executive

Director, and then Interim Executive Director; in 1991, she accepted the task of Executive Director, the esteemed position from which she will retire; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of Irene V. Scheid, APEC's budget has shown remarkable financial growth and the organization is anticipating their new Silver LEED environmental center within the next couple of years; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, 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 Irene V. Scheid for her 25 years of distinguished service as Executive Director of Alley Pond Environmental Center, and this year's recipient of the Environmental Education Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Irene V. Scheid.