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Senate Resolution No. 3092

BY: Senator THOMAS

COMMENDING the Uniondale Public Library upon the occasion of celebrating its 65th Anniversary in 2019

WHEREAS, Library programs provide the means for individuals to enter a lifetime of learning while gaining cultural understanding and the enhancement of global communication skills; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across the great State of New York is reflective of certain exemplary library institutions whose purpose is dedicated to serving the community and the needs of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Uniondale Public Library upon the occasion of celebrating its 65th Anniversary in 2019; and

WHEREAS, In early 1954, residents of Uniondale, New York, met and created a Uniondale Library Association, and the first Chairman was Dr. Philip Cosgrove who was also the President of the Uniondale Kiwanis Club; through his insight, imagination and love for education, and partnership with Kiwanis, the Uniondale Public Library was formed; and

WHEREAS, Through the support of the community, the Uniondale Library Association collected desks, books, funds, hardware and paint, and volunteers created the Library; local Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops collected three truckloads of books which were temporarily stored at Dale Pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, The Uniondale Public Library officially opened its doors for the first time to the public on September 1, 1954; under the supervision of Ruth Ann Hawthorne and Helen Graves, a volunteer staff served the people; and

WHEREAS, Within its first year, the Uniondale Public Library issued almost 1,200 library cards, built a collection of over 7,000 books, and operated solely on the volunteer efforts of the community without tax support; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Uniondale Public Library book collection contains 115,000 volumes, and various video and audio collections; under the luminous leadership of Assistant Director Mara Marin, the Library holds numerous public events including exercise, adult and children's classes, and provides many services to the community such as tax filing and job search assistance; and

WHEREAS, The Uniondale Public Library has been an invaluable resource for residents of Uniondale for 65 years; people come to the Library to connect, discover and learn through story times, book group, and various programs for all ages; and

WHEREAS, A vital part of its community, this remarkable institution has continually strived to provide outstanding service to a diverse population of neighborhood residents; and

WHEREAS, The success enjoyed by the Uniondale Public Library is in direct correlation to the efforts of the many individuals who have supported the development of the Library over the years; and

WHEREAS, Equally commendable are the Uniondale Public Library's Board, President Deborah R. Mabry, Vice President Claude J. Mangum, Ph.D., and members, Onisha R. Nichols, David Sweet, and Joann Urban; and its superbly-skilled staff, whose involvement is and has always been characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all of their efforts on behalf of the Library and the population it serves; and

WHEREAS, Steeped in a proud and distinguished history, the Uniondale Public Library may take just pride in its purposeful growth, as it looks forward to continuing to serve the educational, cultural and intellectual needs of the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Uniondale Public Library upon the occasion of celebrating its 65th Anniversary in 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mara Marin, Assistant Director, Uniondale Public Library.