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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Caryl Bank upon the occasion of her retirement from The Hagedorn Little Village School after 40 years of dedicated service

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Caryl Bank upon the occasion of her retirement from The Hagedorn Little Village School after 40 years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, In 1969, Dr. Caryl Bank co-founded The Hagedorn Little Village School with Dr. Barbara Feingold at a time when there were limited facilities in Nassau County for the education of preschoolers with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Under the dedicated leadership of Dr. Caryl Bank, The Hagedorn Little Village School has grown over the last 40 years from caring for three children in a "one room school house," to serving hundreds of children in its state-of-the-art facility in Seaford, New York; and

WHEREAS, Inducted into the Long Island Volunteer Hall of Fame in 2002, Dr. Caryl Bank and Dr. Barbara Feingold have presented at professional conferences worldwide; the pair also published a book, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES OF EARLY CHILDHOOD, and produced a film, "The Best in Every Child," which chronicled the lives of a typically developing child and his twin who has Down Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, A Diplomate of the New York State Society of Clinical Social Work Psychotherapists, Dr. Caryl Bank is New York State certified in

Education and Clinical Social Work, as well as in Administration and Supervision; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Caryl Bank received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Boston University, a Masters degree in Special Education from City College of New York, a Master's degree in Social Work from Adelphi University and a Doctorate in Clinical Social Work from New York University; and

WHEREAS, Sincerely loved and greatly respected by all those with whom she worked, Dr. Caryl Bank served with intelligence and caring dedication, continuously striving to effectively fulfill the duties of her position; 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Caryl Bank upon the occasion of her retirement from The Hagedorn Little Village School after 40 years of dedicated service and to wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Caryl Bank.