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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Victoria Russo upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Vincent Smith School

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the great Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who serve as role models for their peers; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Victoria Russo upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Vincent Smith School; and

WHEREAS, Vincent Smith School High School senior Victoria Russo is highly motivated to achieve her personal best both academically and socially; she is a conscientious, serious, and determined student whose perseverance and diligence is reflected in her life success, and her commitment and character to her academic and community endeavors serves as a role model for young women; and

WHEREAS, Victoria Russo has gained the confidence in herself and her abilities through structured, individual instruction at the Vincent Smith School; her daily routines, curriculum studies, and academic faculty mentors, have made her an advocate for herself as she embarks on the global community that lies ahead upon graduation; and

WHEREAS, Socially, Victoria Russo is also actively involved and engaged in the school and local community; she is a senior class participant at the North Hempstead Animal Shelter in Port Washington, New York, where she volunteers her time to assisting the members of the shelter in giving tours; and

WHEREAS, Victoria Russo participates in all school wide-events such as the Vincent Smith School Scholarship Fashion Show every spring; she can

also be seen as a tour guide at school open house events, along with her devoted parents, Richard and Laura Russo; and

WHEREAS, In the local community, Victoria Russo has helped raise social awareness for the needy by doing the following: volunteering in the annual food drive to stock a local food pantry; collecting clothes for a homeless shelter; baking for Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and collecting animal food and bedding for the local animal shelter for Animal Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Victoria Russo is a member of HorseAbility, a center for equine facilitated programs that promotes wide-range horse related services for children and adults with special needs; her love for horses has granted her skills to groom and care for the animals as well as participate in Long Island Horse Shows for riders with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, this scholar now stands honorably, with just pride in her accomplishments and in eager anticipation of future challenges, understanding and appreciating the caring counsel and support provided by her teachers, coaches and parents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Victoria Russo upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Vincent Smith School; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Victoria Russo.