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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Chancellor Emeritus Dr. James D. Watson and Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis Watson on their 45 years of dedication to Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, and their invaluable contributions to science and society on Long Island and beyond on July 12, 2013

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to publicly commend those outstanding individuals within the State of New York whose life-long dedication to medical research results in groundbreaking discoveries which improve the lives of those affected by the world's most devastating diseases; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Chancellor Emeritus Dr. James D. Watson and Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis Watson on their 45 years of dedication to Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory and their invaluable contributions to science and society on Long Island and beyond to be celebrated on July 12, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Watson served as Director of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (CSHL) from 1968-1994; President from 1994-2003; and Chancellor from 2003-2007; and

WHEREAS, That CSHL continues to lead the global field of molecular biology and genetics is a testament to Dr. James D. Watson's foresight; and

WHEREAS, Under his auspices, CSHL has enhanced its excellence in basic research and is rated one of the world's top research institutions; and

WHEREAS, Sparked by Dr. James D. Watson, these research programs are paying huge dividends in treating diseases such as cancer and neurological disorders; CSHL's Cancer Center is the only National Cancer Institute-designated cancer center on Long Island and has held this designation for more than 25 years; and

WHEREAS, This year, CSHL celebrated the 10th graduating class of the Watson School of Biological Sciences; the innovative Ph.D. program that bears the Watson name is evidence that Dr. Watson's mark on the field of scientific education is no less significant; and

WHEREAS, A robust Meetings & Courses program brings more than 12,500 top scientists to Long Island every year, while the CSHL Press publishes textbooks, manuals and journals that are essential reading for the next generation of Nobel Prize winners; and

WHEREAS, CSHL's DNA Learning Center, begun under Dr. James D. Watson's Directorship of the Laboratory, was the world's first science center dedicated to genetics education and, over the course of two decades, has provided more than 420,000 New York State children and teachers hands-on learning experiences; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Lewis Watson was instrumental in the Laboratory's designation on the National Register of Historic Places, and for CSHL's joining the American Public Gardens Association as the Bungtown Botanical Garden; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Lewis Watson has been a devoted trustee of the Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities and has served on the New York State Board for Historic Preservation, the New York Landmarks Preservation Foundation and the Archives of American Art; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to applaud Dr. and Mrs. Watson for their stewardship of the landscape of Long Island's North Shore and their cultivation of its rich history and cultural programs; and

WHEREAS, Individuals such as Chancellor Emeritus Dr. James D. Watson and Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis Watson, who have given so selflessly of their skills and dedication in performing vital medical research to bring us closer to eradicating deadly diseases, are worthy and due the highest

commendation for their contributions to all of humanity; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

commend Chancellor Emeritus Dr. James D. Watson and Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis Watson on their 45 years of dedication to Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, and their invaluable contributions to science and society on Long Island and beyond to be celebrated on July 12, 2013; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chancellor Emeritus Dr. James D. Watson and Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis Watson.