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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Roberta Yannelli, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is with great sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Roberta Yannelli, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community, on November 14, 2013, at the age of 71; and

WHEREAS, Born Roberta Muhr, Roberta Yannelli grew up in Valley Stream, New York; she graduated from St. Agnes Cathedral High School in Rockville Centre in 1959; and

WHEREAS, Roberta Yannelli distinguished herself in her profession and by her sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of her community; and

WHEREAS, Roberta Yannelli earned a nursing degree from Georgetown University in 1963, and began her nursing career at Franklin General Hospital in Valley Stream; she later earned a master's degree in education in 1989 from Adelphi University and began teaching special education; and

WHEREAS, She taught at South Side High School in Rockville Centre for several years before teaching for 10 years at St. Agnes Cathedral School in Rockville Centre; and

WHEREAS, Roberta Yannelli was an enthusiastic teacher, dedicated to her students and to the field of education; her determination and commitment to her work, despite significant health challenges inspired a generation of students, as well as all who knew her; and

WHEREAS, She will be long remembered for her sense of humor, positive outlook, and deep love for her family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Roberta Yannelli is survived by her husband, Frank Yannelli; sons, Chris, Michael, and Thomas; brother, Robert Muhr; sister-in-law, Jane Yannelli Rinn; and six grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Roberta Yannelli leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all she served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Roberta Yannelli, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Roberta Yannelli.