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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Natalie Thomas upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2013 Pathfinder Award by the Hempstead Town Board

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, honoring the youth of today, and leaders of tomorrow, whose character and achievements best exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Natalie Thomas upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2013 Pathfinder Award by the Hempstead Town Board at the town's Annual Pathfinder Awards Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Kate Murray, and members of the Hempstead Town Board honored ten women who live or work in the Town of Hempstead for their outstanding contributions to the community; and

WHEREAS, A Floral Park High School honor student, Natalie Thomas is the captain of the track and field team, and leads in other various organizations; and

WHEREAS, During the summer of 2012, Natalie Thomas, a resident of Elmont, New York, went on a quest to Nicaragua with a mission to spread her passion for knowledge to children in need; as a member of the local "Build-On" chapter, she committed to help build a school for poverty-stricken children in a small Nicaraguan village with no electricity or running water; and

WHEREAS, To make her pilgrimage possible, Natalie Thomas applied for grants, organized numerous fundraising events, and demonstrated true strength, intelligence, and compassion; and

WHEREAS, In addition, despite fighting illness, fatigue, and difficult living conditions, this exemplary young woman spent her summer break

digging foundations and mixing cement to build a center of learning for the young children of Nicaragua; and

WHEREAS, Since returning home, Natalie Thomas continues her quest as a leader to her fellow students in several clubs and programs; her role as a student representative in the school's Shared Decision Making Committee with parents, administrators and faculty members, spearheads important changes within the Floral Park High School community; and

WHEREAS, Natalie Thomas exemplifies the best potential which is inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; she has brought enduring honor to her family and her community through her many achievements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Natalie Thomas upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2013 Pathfinder Award by the Hempstead Town Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Natalie Thomas.